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Paris, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles' conversations with Premier Daladier and high officials of the Quai d'Orsay are being kept very secret but it is definitely understood that Mr. Welles is not acting as mediator and is keeping the information gathered strictly for President Roosevelt.

Diplomatic quarters state that the Daladier-Welles talks were of a very frank nature.

M. Daladier stressed the similarity of French and American democratic ideals and conception of international relations.—Havas.

(Full Reports On Mr. Welles's visit to Paris will be found in Page 4.)

SOVIET LEAFLETS

Helsinki, To-day.

Russian bombers yesterday bombed and destroyed a military hospital, killing 38 inmates and wounding 86 others.

These same planes also dropped leaflets, stating that the Soviet Union was generous to those who surrendered. The leaflets continued:—

"Mannerheim says the Finnish soldier must be killed twice before dying. We have come to-day to say to you that we are capable of showing you this is possible, too."

Some of these leaflets fell onto the hospital after the bombing.—Reuter.

MOLOTOFF IN RUMANIA

Bucharest, To-day.

The arrival of Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov has caused great excitement in diplomatic channels.

The object of his visit is reported to be the signing of a non-aggression pact between Rumania and Soviet Russia.

Official circles maintain a discreet silence in this regard.—Reuter.

YOUNG TO FACE TRIAL IN TOKYO

Tokyo, To-day.

The public trial of James R. Young, Far Eastern representative of the International News Service, on charges of fabricating and circulating rumours, will open on Monday in a local court, it was announced to-day.

Prosecutor Nobori Ishi, of the

THE SERIOUS ILLNESS OF FIELD-MARSHAL MANNERHEIM, THE FINNISH COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, FOR THE PAST TEN DAYS, HAS ENABLED PACIFIST ELEMENTS IN THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT TO PAVE THE WAY FOR SOVIET-FINNISH PEACE TALKS, SAYS THE "PARIS SOIR."

A few days later, continues the report, the Finnish Foreign Minister was summoned to Stockholm, where he was informed that Sweden had accepted the role of mediator between Finland and the Soviet, on the following Soviet conditions:

Finland to cede to Russia the Karelian Isthmus, including Viborg; All territory north-east of Lake Ladoga, including Sortavala; North Lapland, including Petsamo; and Hangoe and the peninsula.

The Swedish Government is alleged to have obtained ten days for the negotiations, the time to expire on Saturday.

Simultaneously both Norway and Sweden gave Finland to understand their decision to abide by the strictest neutrality, adding that any large-scale Allied help would result in German intervention.

Meanwhile, scores of Soviet planes are flying over Helsinki to make the threat felt.—Havas.

Negotiations To Begin In Two Days?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Swedish officials do not deny or confirm the persistent rumours of Finnish-Soviet peace talks.

According to a private source Fin-

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ish-Soviet negotiations will start within two days.

The Soviet, it is said, is willing to negotiate with the legal Government in Helsinki without the participation of the puppet Kuusinen government.—Havas.

Seriously Ill

London, To-day.

Reuter's correspondent in Finland reports that Field-Marshal Mannerheim is seriously ill.—Reuter.

Allies Pressure To Carry On Alleged

Rome, To-day.

Radio Rome alleges that France and

"Thought Section" Procurator's Office, Tokyo District Court, is reported by the Japanese Press to have collected sufficient proof to substantiate the charges against the American journalist.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

Britain have brought pressure to bear on Finland to refuse peace offers and to continue fighting the Russians while awaiting help which will arrive in greater abundance.

Pressure is also reported to have been brought decisively to bear on Sweden to allow the passage of this help, which will be in the form of both men and armaments.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—East and south-east winds, light to moderate; fair generally with fog at times.

PASSIVIKI REPORTED NEGOTIATING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Various sources report from Stockholm that the well-known Finnish statesman, M. Passikivi, has arrived in the Swedish capital and is now negotiating with Madame Kollontai, the Soviet Minister.

Mme. Kollontai has submitted to him the Soviet terms, the exact nature of which is unknown although it is understood they are very tough.

M. Passikivi's visit to Stockholm coincides with the secret stay there of Herr Dietrich, the chief of the German press bureau.—Havas.

STEAMER WRECKS

London, To-day.

Wreckage of two Netherlands steamers has been picked up in the North Sea. Neither has yet been identified.—Reuter.

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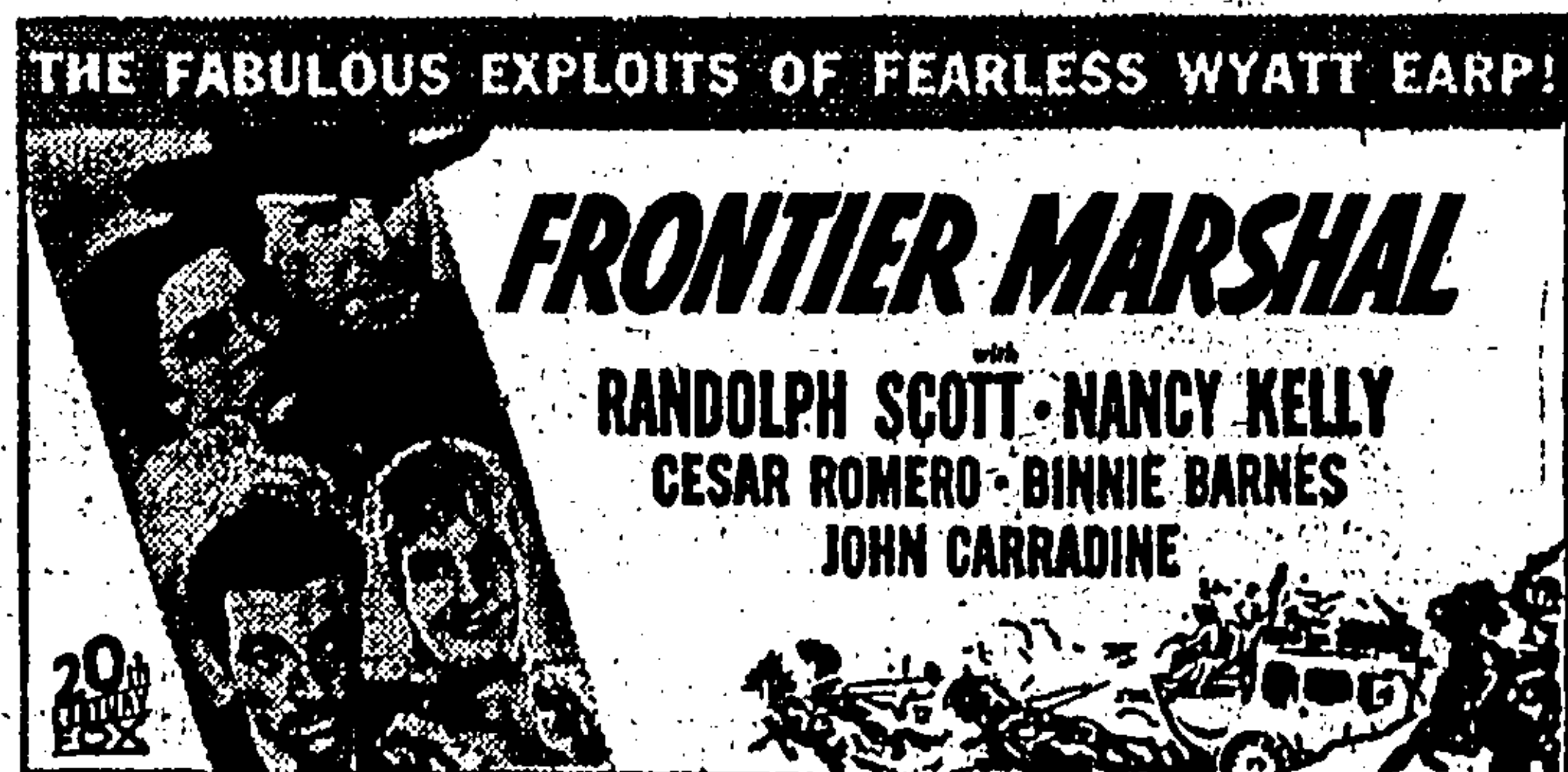


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BELGIAN SUPPORT OF BRITISH ACTION ON COAL QUESTION

Brussels, To-day.

THE NEWSPAPER "LIBEL," discussing the Italian protest regarding the coal question, notes that the arguments are based firstly on juridical and secondly on material grounds.

The newspaper points out that the juridical arguments constitute summary complaints which neutrals undeniably have the right to raise against the Allied blockade methods.

TYPICAL NAZI ATTITUDE

Cairo, To-day.

The newspaper "Al Balagh," after explaining the British attitude on Italian coal imports, says: "It is typical of the Germans to try and exploit the incident by saying the British action is illegal but it is really a cause for laughter to hear the Germans, who have violated every law, say this is legal and that is illegal." The newspaper declares the dispute can be amicably settled.—Reuter.

The article continues, however: "These arguments present only one side of the picture, and do not mention the greater shortcomings of which Germany is guilty."

"Naturally the unilateral character of these complaints removes much of their weight, nor can one forget that Italy, during the last war and the Turco-Italian war of 1911, never felt such respect for maritime international law."

The "People" says: "If Italy thinks she can use her non-belligerent position to put pressure on the Allies to compromise on the Franco-British blockade or to render the German war machine a clandestine service, she shows profound ignorance of the true equilibrium of the process in Europe."—Reuter.

COTTON BILL PASSED

London, To-day.

The Cotton Industry Bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons yesterday. The measure had now been passed in both Houses.—Reuter.

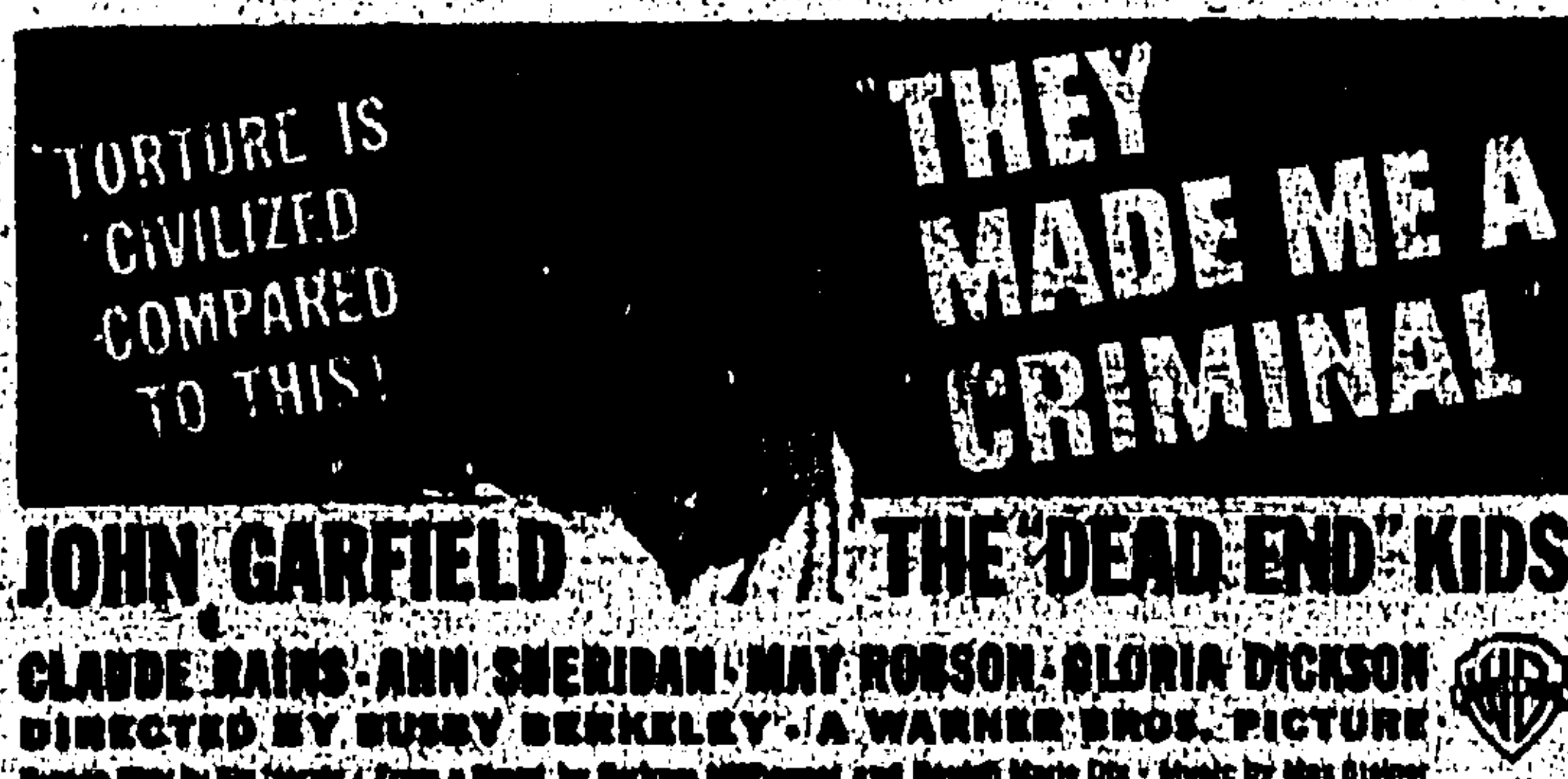
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WRONG TIME, SAYS PREMIER

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A DEPUTATION FROM THE T.U.C. ATTENDED ON THE PRIME MINISTER YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO RECEIVE THE REPLY TO THE CASE PUT PREVIOUSLY FOR REPEAL OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE TRADES DISPUTES ACT OF 1927.

An official statement issued after the meeting states the Prime Minister pointed out to the deputation the impracticability of introducing the legislation required which would necessarily be highly controversial, and continued that the Prime Minister "trusted that with the object of concentrating upon the supreme task of winning the war the Trade Union movement would not press for reconsideration of any of the provisions of the Act at the present time."

The Prime Minister stated he was well aware and appreciative of the support the Trade Union movement was giving the national war effort and felt "their record in this respect would proportionately strengthen their position in any representations they might desire to make at the conclusion of the war."

It is understood the deputation expressed disappointment at the Prime Minister's statement and said it was necessary to report the position to the General Council. — British Wireless.

NIGERIAN WAR GIFTS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE CHIEFS OF THE NORTH PROVINCES OF NIGERIA ARE TO MAKE VOLUNTARY MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS OF FIVE PER CENT. OF THEIR SALARIES TO THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT.

This is the result of letters addressed to them from the Sultan of Sokoto and the Shehu of Bornu suggesting that all chiefs would wish to afford a measure of assistance to meet extraordinary expenditure caused by the war. The fact that many of the chiefs have already made generous gifts to the Nigeria war relief fund has made no difference to their agreement to this further munificent contribution.

The Sultan of Sokoto and the Shehu of Bornu are two senior Emirs and rule over territories of over 25,000 and 33,000 square miles with populations of 1,500,000 and 670,000, respectively. — British Wireless.

DR. BENES HONOURED BY OXFORD UNIV.

London, To-day.

Oxford University conferred the honorary degree of D.C.L. on Dr. Benes yesterday.

In a lecture on President Masaryk who received an honorary degree 17 years ago, Dr. Benes said: "Morals and politics were indivisible for Masaryk. In the end it will be Masaryk's not Hitler's realism which will triumph." — British Wireless.

DIVORCE GRANTED

Los Angeles, To-day.

Betty Cushing Roosevelt yesterday obtained a divorce from James Roosevelt, son of the President. — Reuter.

KEEP OUT OF WAR STRONGER

London, To-day.

"If isolation means a desire to keep out of war I should say it is definitely stronger now in America," declared the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, in an interview on his return from America.

"I think very definitely that this feeling of isolation has been increased by the examination of mails and the stopping of ships."

"Such things as the sinking of neutral ships makes an impression on American minds but does not make America want to go to war."

Asked if there was any sign of a war boom in the United States, Mr. Kennedy replied: "The idea of America standing on the sideline and getting a lot of money is nonsense. Dislocation of trade and business is a very severe thing." — Reuter.

U.S. TREATY DISCUSSIONS

Washington, To-day.

It is learned here that the United States is negotiating treaties of conciliation with Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand.

The treaties provide that any dispute arising between these Dominions and the United States shall be referred to a permanent conciliation commission consisting of five members, two of whom will represent the United States.

There will be a separate commission for each Dominion.

The United States has already a conciliatory treaty with Britain but its references to the Dominions since the Statute of Westminster are regarded as out of date. — Reuter.

CANADIAN AIR H.Q.

London, To-day.

Oversea headquarters of the Royal Canadian Air Force has now been established in Britain.

Hitherto there had only been a liaison officer and the development marks an important stage in Canada's progressive contribution to the Empire's war effort.

This announcement was made by the Canadian National Defence Minister, Mr. Norman McLeod Rogers, who also revealed that a major section of the new organization had arrived in Great Britain.

Officers and men arrived and landed a few days ago and have now joined those who proceeded overseas in advance of the Canadian army co-operation squadron which landed a fortnight ago to make arrangements for its reception. — Reuter.

LESSON NOT LEARNED

FINED \$10 ONLY YESTERDAY FOR DREDGING IN THE NAVAL ANCHORAGE. A 23-YEAR-OLD WOMAN, CHAN LO, WAS CAUGHT IN THE SAME ACT IN THE AFTERNOON.

Before a naval party could, however, reach her boat, she cut the grappling iron which sank to the bottom of the harbour.

This morning she was charged with loitering within 100 yards of the Naval Dockyard and was fined \$30 or one month's hard labour by Commander G. F. Hole at the Marine Court.

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MR. WELLES IN PARIS

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BUSINESS DINNER PARTY ARRANGED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

MR. SUMNER WELLES, President Roosevelt's "European Observer," arrived here at 9.55 a.m. yesterday in the Simplon-Orient Express. After being met by the official Franco-American party of welcome, he proceeded directly to his hotel, where he is to stay in a large 5-room apartment on the second floor.

He received members of the press later and, restrained as usual, good-humouredly said that the object of his visit had been clearly outlined by President Roosevelt, and the only aim of the visit was to provide the President with an account of the situation in Europe as Mr. Welles saw it.

He would not give any of his impressions of the leading figures he has already met. On his return from London, he said, he would stay in Paris for a few hours before leaving for Rome and home.

Later, he dined at the home of Mr. Joseph Bullitt, American Ambassador, who is absent, with Mr. Murphy, U.S. Charge d'Affaires.

At 4 p.m., he was received at the Elysee by President Lebrun. His visit will also include calls on Premier Daladier, members of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies, Finance Minister Reynaud, Vice-President of the Council Chautemps, and Minister of Justice Bonnet.

He will also see General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, and M. Zaleski, Polish Foreign Minister, at the Polish Embassy in Paris.—Havas.

With M. Daladier For Nearly Two Hours

Paris, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, had talks last night with President Albert Lebrun and Premier Edouard Daladier.

The visit to the President was a brief courtesy call, for Mr. Welles arrived 15 minutes ahead of schedule before preparations for his reception were completed and stayed over an hour.

He drove immediately to the Ministry of War and talked with M. Daladier for an hour and 40 minutes.

"I am very satisfied with my conversation with Mr. Welles and with his visit," M. Daladier told Reuter later.

The talk had been scheduled to take only an hour and consequently Mr. Welles was late for his next engagement with high officials at the Quai d'Orsay.

DINNER PARTY

Mr. Welles was to have a new conversation, probably the most important of the visit, with M. Daladier at a small dinner party last night.

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It was clear from the list of guests that the dinner was a business rather than a social occasion. Those present included M. Camille Chautemps, the Vice-Premier, M. Champetier de Rebes, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and M. Coulondre, Director of the Foreign Minister's office.

It is understood the French statesmen have made full use of the opportunity to explain France's point of view and it is believed that Franco-Italian relations were also referred to.—Reuter.

Mr. Welles' Past Statement Of Principles

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The entire press welcomed the arrival of Mr. Welles here.

"Excelsior" recalled the four principles outlined by Mr. Welles in a radio broadcast in Oct., 1938.

These principles were:

- Respect for the given word;
- Non-intervention in the internal affairs of other States;
- Settlement of all differences by peaceful methods; and
- Respect for the rights of other nations.

The paper stressed that Mr. Welles' broadcast caused the German press and radio to unleash furious personal attacks against American statesmen.

Referring to Mr. Welles' present mission, "Excelsior" says: "Although he has chosen to adopt a most reserved attitude, it does not mean that he has abandoned the above-mentioned principles."—Havas.

French War Aims As Explained

Paris, To-day.

According to authoritative circles France's war aims, as told to Mr. Sumner Welles, are:

First, the restoration of the independence and territorial integrity of Poland, Austria and Czechoslovakia;

Second, any peace must contain material and positive guarantees against further German aggression;

Third, France does not want a patched up peace which leaves Europe at the mercy of another German threat in the near future.

France herself has no desire to dominate Europe and Germany must show she has abandoned all such intentions.—Reuter.

THE MUNICH PERJURER

Rio de Janeiro, To-day.

The newspaper "O Jornal," referring to the Sumner Welles mission, points out the impossibility of Allied negotiations with the Munich perjurer and a repeatedly faithless government. — Reuter.

PEACE NOW IMPOSSIBLE

Cairo, To-day.

The newspaper "Al Mokattam," referring to Mr. Sumner Welles visit, declares that peace is impossible now.

"Europe and the whole world must first be saved from a wicked and noxious element the like of which the world has not suffered for many generations, and which, if it is allowed to spread, will endanger all humanity, putting back humanity hundreds of years."

"Therefore neither America nor other nations enjoying liberty and independence and possessing pride and honour will agree that the sword is to be the ruler of the world or brute force the judge of mankind."—Reuter.

MEXICAN AIR LINER ESCAPES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mexico City, To-day.

A Mexican passenger plane, believed to have been lost between Minatitlan and Tuxtla was found yesterday at Sierra San Martin.

The pilot managed to make a landing saving the lives of the crew of four and six passengers.

The assistant pilot and one passenger were killed when the plane crashed into a clump of trees.—Havas.

N.Z. ENLISTMENTS

London, To-day.

By the end of January 25,000 men had already enlisted for service overseas with the second New Zealand Expeditionary force. It is learnt that seven members of the New Zealand House of Representatives have now joined the forces.—British Wireless.

FIREMAN DIES IN SHOP BLAZE

A fireman was killed in a fire that broke out in a shop in St. Paul's Churchyard, a few yards east of St. Paul's Cathedral. The fireman was P. J. S. Baker and he was attached to the Cannon-street station.

Baker was found lying dead near the lift well. One of the firemen said that Baker and seven other firemen entered the shop while it was still blazing.

"The fumes were very strong," he said, "and several of our men had to be helped out. All of us escaped, with the exception of Baker. He must have taken the wrong turning and been overcome by the fumes."

Another fireman, James White, was taken to hospital suffering from the effects of fumes.

SCOT "RED" ANNOUNCER

Scotland has had a triumph which may not please it too well.

When the Moscow broadcast in English was made at 8 p.m. a new announcer was heard.

He was a Scotman with a Clyde-side accent. The length of his "R's" and the shortness of his "A's" must have puzzled English-speaking foreigners who were listening in.

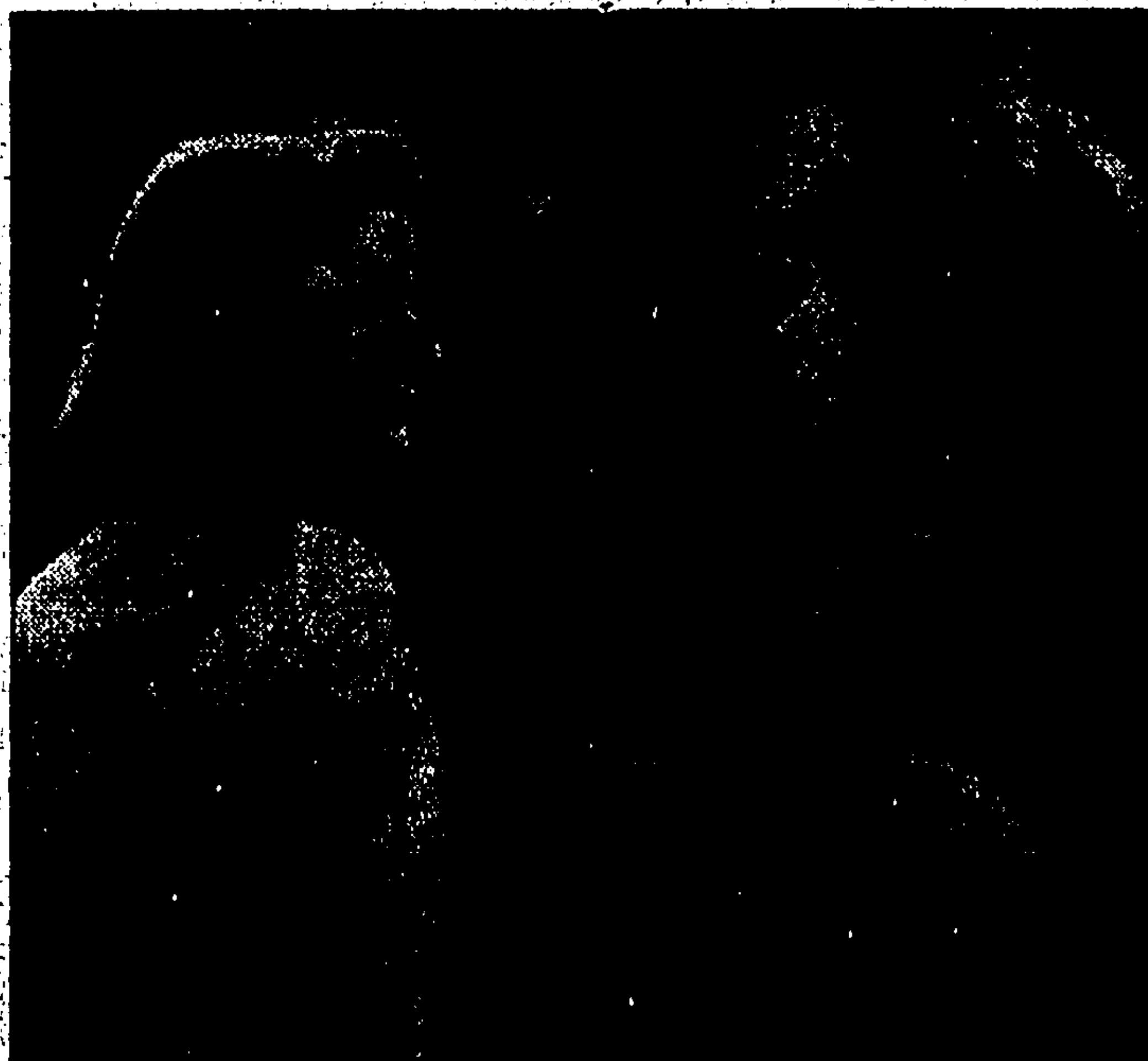
He took the place of Red Biddy, the woman with the most sexless, toneless voice in Europe.

Fifteen minutes later Lord Haw-Haw was due on the air. But he, too, did not perform.

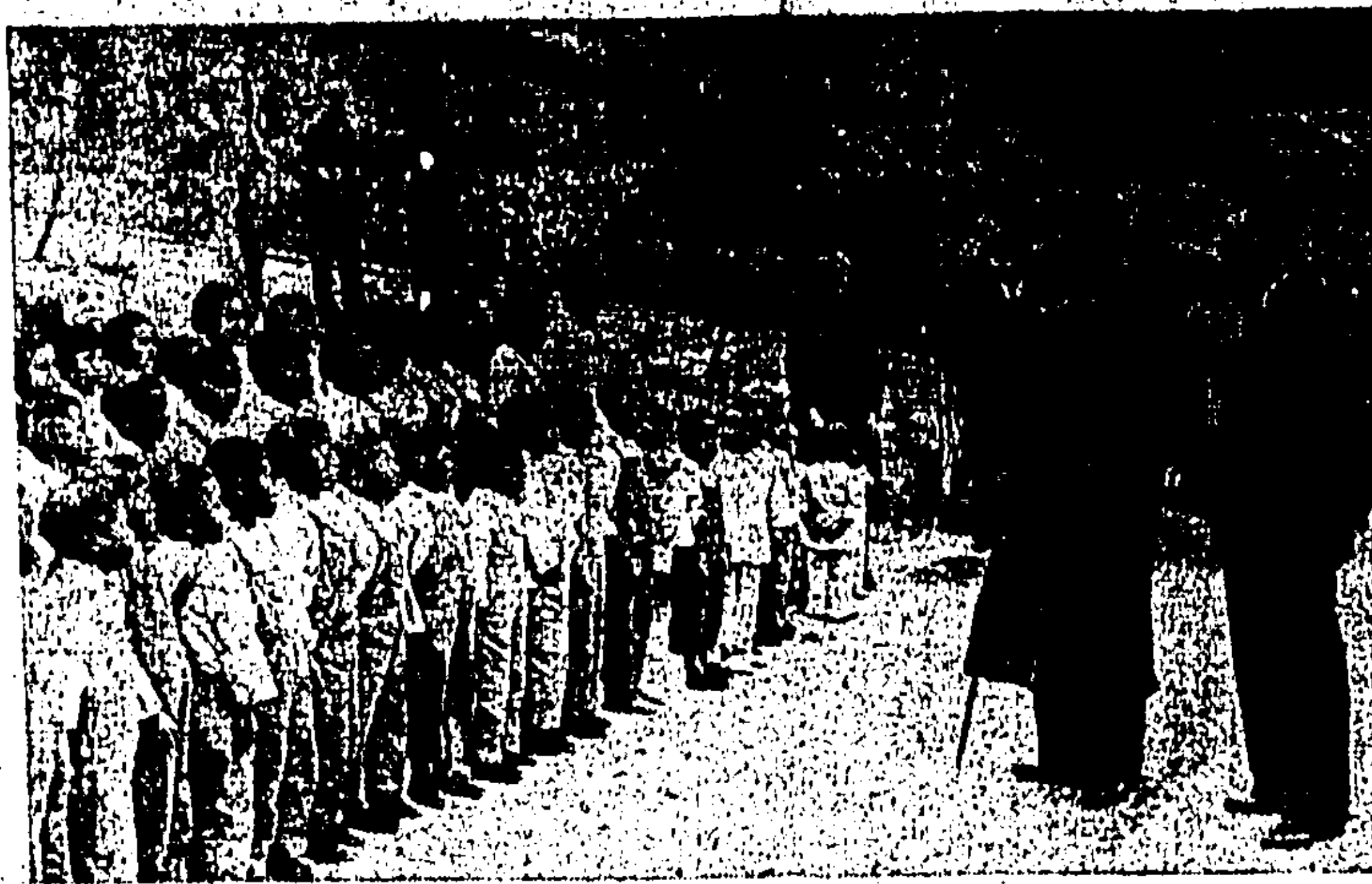
It is his place was a new announcer, and if he was not a Scotsman, he certainly learned his English north of the Tweed.

His delivery was a welcome change from Haw-Haw, being strong and forceful.

Since the war began Haw-Haw and Red Biddy have become two of the best-known announcers in the world.



Greta Garbo and Ina Claire in "Ninotchka" showing to-day at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres. Melvyn Douglas plays opposite Garbo.



His Excellency the Governor inspecting the 100 boys and girls at the Taiipo Orphanage.



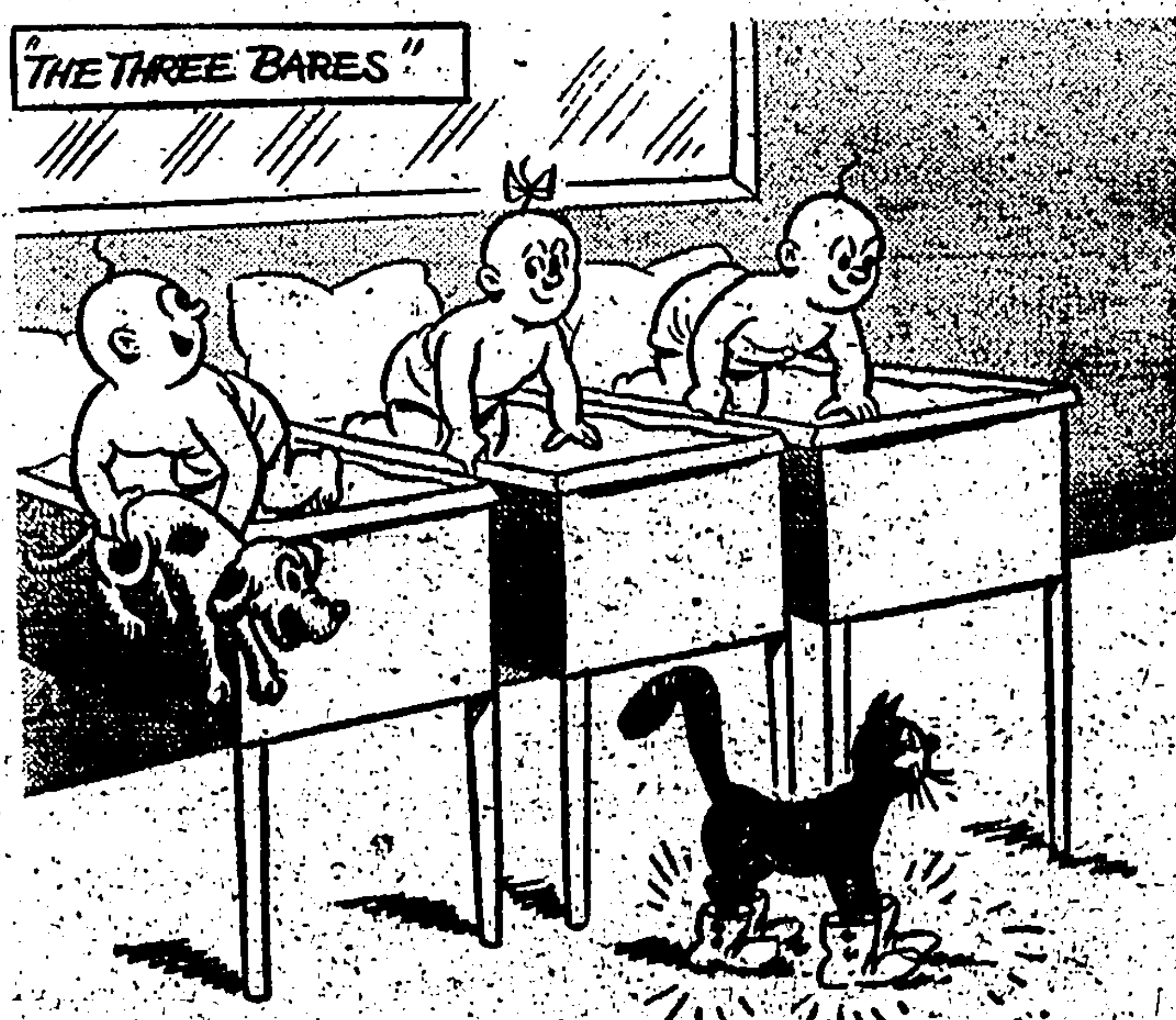
A kindergarten at the Taiipo Orphanage singing for the Governor.



Another snap from the Taiipo Orphanage—boys doing rattan work.

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Sir Kingsley Wood's Speech: Secret Estimates

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE AIR MINISTER, SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, SPEAKING ON THE AIR ESTIMATES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, SAID THAT FOR REASONS OF SECURITY THE AMOUNT OF THE ESTIMATES WOULD NOT BE DISCLOSED.

He added: "I can state that our Air Estimates this year are of an unprecedented character and involved by far the greatest efforts and expenditure ever made by this country in any year in relation to our air defences.

"I should like to say that these Estimates represent only part of the further action we are taking and propose to take in conjunction with the Empire overseas, and with our Allies.

"Our expenditure and efforts cannot be limited this year but they must be continued and intensified until we have achieved our fixed resolve—the establishment of mastery in the air."

Sir Kingsley mentioned that the fighter and bomber commands and the British air forces in France had carried out day and night over 1,000 sorties well into German territory.

Fighters in France, a great many of whom had been in action over the Siegfried Line, had taken off more than 2,000 times for patrol, pursuit and combat.

FIGHTERS PROVED

Our fighters had amply proved their worth. Already, without a single loss on our side, they had brought down some 50 German aircraft round our coasts, and we knew that many more of the enemy had been forced down in neutral territory or in the sea.

As an illustration of the R.A.F. progress Sir Kingsley said that in introducing last year's Estimates he had stated that the total strength of the R.A.F. was approaching 100,000 men. To-day the strength of one R.A.F. Command alone had nearly reached that figure.

Units of the Coastal Command had flown more than 5,000,000 miles since the outbreak of war. They had sighted submarines on more than 100 occasions and had delivered more than 60 attacks.

More than 700 convoys had been successfully escorted by aircraft.

ALLIED COOPERATION

Referring to co-operation with France, the Air Minister said this was of the most intimate character.

There was a comprehensive scheme of pooling information, production problems were studied together and secret equipment was exchanged and new developments shared.

Speaking of the flying training organisation overseas, Sir Kingsley said that when in full operation the schools in Canada, Australia and New Zealand would produce 20,000 pilots and 30,000 air crews every year.

In addition the South African Government had most helpfully offered to train pilots for the R.A.F., and there would also be air schools in Rhodesia and Kenya.

PRODUCTION SOARING

Dealing with production, the Air Minister said every month new plant was coming into operation, many more factories were coming into production, and still more were being built.

Future production had been planned on a scale which should enable us to attain our objective with something in hand.

Plans for production in the Dominions were beginning to bear fruit and the first aircraft made in Canada had already been flown. Large additional orders had been placed in America and Canada.

Referring to civil aviation, Sir Kingsley declared that in conjunction with Australia and New Zealand it had been decided to link up New Zealand with the Empire air routes

and to start a weekly service across the Tasman Sea in April.

He hoped the difficulties preventing a regular air service to Lisbon would shortly be overcome.

To safeguard the position of civil aviation after the war a strong civil aviation advisory committee was to be set up.

100 PER CENT. UP

Giving an outline of the greatly increased R.A.F. output, the Air Minister said it could safely be said that the fighting strength of the R.A.F. had increased at least by 100 per cent. during the last 12 months.

In addition we had been able to give substantial help to friends overseas.

He confidently believed that even on a numerical basis the output of aircraft accruing to Britain and France was to-day in excess of that of Germany.

Sir Kingsley Wood concluded: "If and when serious attacks are made on this country considerable damage will be caused, but we need not doubt that our people will endure with the same high courage as other peoples recently have shown.

"Moreover we can be sure that the powerful and efficient air defence organisation which we have built up will take a heavy toll of the enemy and that our bomber force will be both ready and able to hit hard, hit often and to keep on hitting." (Cheers).—*Reuter*.

Flights Over Germany

In closing the Air Estimates debate, Sir Kingsley Wood said they had evidence that the recent flights over Germany had not been without effect on the morale of Germans.

There was considerable evidence that the leaflets dropped were read by a very large number of people who were apparently glad to read them notwithstanding the severe penalties with which they were threatened.

Replying to criticism concerning coastal attacks, the Air Minister said obviously no air defence system could be an impenetrable barrier. It was a fact regarding general operations. It was still more difficult during the night to intercept every hit-and-run raid in ones and twos on a 700-mile coastline.

Conditions were worst in winter, and it was to the credit of the Air Force that they had brought down so many enemy aircraft and driven off many more.

INCREASING EFFICIENCY

"Our fighter defence is increasing in efficiency daily. The Air Force and the Navy are tackling the problem jointly and, I believe, with success."

Sir Kingsley Wood gave an unqualified assurance that all plans were ready in the event of it being decided that British bomber forces should be engaged in major operations.

The Air Force would be only too willing to undertake any commission with which they were entrusted. There was no holding back so far as they were concerned.

NEW PLANES

Replying to a question raised about



"We will fly wing-tip to wing-tip with our French Ally." This was the statement by Air Marshal A. S. Barratt, on assuming command of the British Air Force in France. Photo shows Air Marshal Barratt, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, British Air Force in France, and General J. M. Mendigal, second-in-command of the French Air Force, at the Air Marshal's H.Q. (Copyright, Fox).

long-range fighters, Sir Kingsley said there were a number of new and more powerful types of aircraft now in production.

"Certainly I have had regard to that," he said replying to a question whether his earlier comparison between the Allies and Germany had regard to the type and quality of machines.

The Air Minister was very disappointed that the war had dealt such a great blow to the carefully prepared pre-war plan regarding civil aviation.

"Anxious as I am as regards the position at the end of the war, I feel we should put every ounce we can into our military effort." (Cheers).

The Air Estimates were agreed without further discussion.—*Reuter*.

END OF A PROUD AIR RECORD

London, To-day.

In an official statement issued last evening Imperial Airways announce that the search for the air line's Hannibal has been abandoned and it is feared she was lost at sea and there are no survivors of the four passengers and four crew she was carrying.

The statement adds that Hannibal left Jiwani at five o'clock on the morning of March 1 and was expected to arrive at Sharjah at halfpast ten. Last message from the aeroplane was received about nine at Karachi and at dawn on March 2 a search began in which the Navy and R.A.F. took part.

The statement makes clear that wreckage seen by the commander of the flying boat Horsa proved on investigation not to be that of Hannibal and concludes: "The accident brings to an end the proud record of eight Handley-Page-42 air liner used by Imperial Airways. Although between them they carried several hundred thousand passengers not one passenger has suffered injury or loss of life." — *British Wireless*.

POWER OF AIR FORCE

London, To-day.

The Air Minister declared in the House of Commons yesterday that the long-nosed Blenheim had far better navigational facilities and a fifty per cent increase in range over earlier models while the top speed of the Spitfire had been increased ten per cent.

"It can safely be said that the fighting strength of the R.A.F. has been increased at least a hundred per cent during the last twelve months." — *British Wireless*.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

"AMAZED"—No good purpose would be served by giving further publicity to the *faux pas*. Undoubtedly, ZBW has had more than one direct intimation of surprise that such a stupid proximity should have escaped attention.

LABOUR PARTY NOT ALTOGETHER SATISFIED

London, To-day.

MR. HUGH DALTON (Opposition Labour) asked in the House of Commons yesterday for a definite assurance that all plans were completely prepared for our bombers to take immediate action against military targets in Germany in the event of any attempt being made to bomb London or any other objective in this country. (Cheers).

Mr. Dalton declared that a number of people connected with the production of aircraft were not altogether satisfied that even yet we were getting the maximum rate of output.

He said there was some evidence that rather too many types of planes were under consideration.

He questioned whether we had in use a fighter of a type equal to the Messerschmidt 110, and said it was argued by persons of technical competence that we should now be

producing a two-seater long-range fighter armed with cannon and capable of a speed of at least 350 miles an hour.

Admiral Sir Roger Keyes suggested that in order to secure more effective co-operation with the Navy in the protection of shipping in the North Sea the coastal Air Force should be placed under the complete control of the Admiralty and additional bomber and fighter squadrons trained without delay. — *Reuter*.

Heinkel Raider Shot Down Into Sea: Short, Sharp Action

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCE THAT AN R.A.F. FIGHTER SHOT DOWN AN ENEMY AIRCRAFT OVER THE NORTH-EAST COAST OF SCOTLAND EARLY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The enemy craft passed over Aberdeenshire at a great height early in the afternoon. Anti-aircraft guns opened fire and fighters took off.

The plane was a Heinkel and was shot down from a height of more than five miles above the sea east of Aberdeen.

The Spitfires — one pilot was a New Zealander — attacked in turns as the enemy dived.

The Heinkel, out of action, landed on the water and the Spitfires circled for about five minutes until the enemy machine sank.

NEAR COLLISION

British fighters also engaged two German planes off the East Coast of England last evening.

Onlookers saw one raider almost collide with a British fighter before climbing into the clouds where a dog-fight followed.

A second raider then appeared, with two British planes in close pursuit. Three other British planes also arrived on the scene and the raider was driven out to sea with the fighters in chase.—Reuter.

IN LESS THAN AN HOUR

Shortly after 2 p.m., a German plane was seen flying over Aberdeenshire at a great height — so high, in fact, that it could only be seen from the ground, according to one eyewitness, by the white vapour it left behind it.

Anti-aircraft batteries opened up and British fighters took off.

They must have found it quickly for less than an hour later the Air Ministry announced that it had been shot down. — Reuter.

EXPLOSIONS HEARD OFF COAST

London, To-day.

Six explosions were heard off the south-east coast about 8 o'clock last night followed by the rattle of machine-gun fire.

It is reported that a German plane dropped bombs near shipping.

There were no hits or casualties. The bombs fell in pairs and exploded on striking the water. — Reuter.

BRITAIN'S CONCHYS

London, To-day.

It was stated in the Commons yesterday that 21,349 men claimed registration as conscientious objectors under the provisions of the National Service Acts.

To February 24, 8,335 cases had been heard by tribunals and 1,078 registered as objectors unconditionally, 3,758 on condition to undertake civil work, 2,040 registered in non-combatant duties and 1,479 removed from the register.—British Wireless.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest to the north and east of Hokkaido and depressions are indicated to the north of Shantung and east Loochoos.

ALLIED AIR PURCHASES IN UNITED STATES

New York, To-day.

The chief of the Allied Purchasing Commission in the United States told pressmen yesterday that the amount to be spent on warplanes in the United States might reach a total of £450,000,000.

Substantial new orders have recently been given.—Reuter.

BRITAIN CANNOT MODIFY STAND ON NAZI COAL EXPORTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

WHILE BRITAIN IS most desirous of improving relations with Italy and to maintain the political agreement between the two countries, she will not in any way modify her attitude on the question of German coal exports to Italy, the press states.

"German exports, no matter to which country, must be stopped," declares "The Times."

"The British reply to the Italian protest is sure to make that clear while at the same time declaring the Government do not wish to handicap Italy's industry or the industry of any other country except Germany."

The "Daily Telegraph" stresses that Britain is ready to purchase from Italy in payment for coal large quantities of goods formerly exported to Germany. — Havas.

Rome Statement

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

A semi-official statement says official quarters are refraining from any judgment on the Anglo-Italian coal dispute pending the British reply to the Italian protest.

They also await the British decision as regards the fate of the Italian colliers now being kept in the Downs control station.—Havas.

Rome Talks Of Conflict Of Viewpoint

Rome, To-day.

According to reports reaching here, there is some difference of opinion between the British Foreign Office and the Ministry of Economic Warfare about the reply to the Italian protest on the stopping of coal exports from Germany via Holland to Italy.

It is reported that so far a compromise between the two points of view has not yet been reached.

The Economic Ministry's stand is said to be more intransigent and its attitude less compromising than that of the Foreign Office. The reply, however, is expected to be handed to the Italian Ambassador in London during the next few days.—Reuter.

S.M.C. ELECTION

Shanghai, To-day.

Nomination of a third American candidate for the two Municipal Council seats makes necessary a primary election soon in the American community.

The new nominee is Mr. N. F. Allman, and the others are Mr. R. T. McDonnell and Mr. J. W. Carney.

If there are more nominees an election campaign is possible. Monday is nomination deadline.—Reuter.

B.E.F. LOSSES IN RAID

London, To-day.

The War Office has issued a casualty list in connexion with a German raid on a British post on Tuesday, this week, giving the names of two Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry men killed in action and 14 missing, believed prisoners.—Reuter.

UNITY: NO PUBLIC COST

Mr. Oliver Stanley, the War Minister, denied in the House of Commons that any special military precautions had been taken at Folkestone when Miss Unity Mitford arrived from Germany.

Replying to Mr. T. Levy (Elland, Yorks), he said that so far as the military authorities were concerned, he understood that no expense was entered into by the Government with regard to her arrival.

The normal guard was at Folkestone, the Minister added, and for a short time two extra sentries were posted.

Folkestone harbours was a protected place and had been guarded since the outbreak of war. Entry to the dockside was prohibited, except to those with a special permit, and no person with a regular permit was refused entry.

SOAP KING BEATS ALL THE STARS

£93,942 IN SALARY

New York, Feb. 23.

A soap manufacturer, Mr. F. A. Countway, easily beat all Hollywood's "fabulously paid" film stars as the top salary earner in the United States in 1938.

His salary was £93,942, more than half as much again as that of Miss Claudette Colbert, who topped the film salaries with £60,388.

Mr. Countway is president of Lever Brothers, Massachusetts, a subsidiary of the British company. His salary

is revealed to-day in the list issued by the Government tax authorities. Miss Colbert is sixth on the list.

BRITISH STARS DO WELL

Little-known business men are the "stars" of the list, but actors and actresses have a good show.

Warner Baxter topped the men stars' list with £55,961. He is followed by Darryl Zanuck, who employs him, with £53,000.

Bing Crosby had £52,000 and Jack Benny £50,000.

Shirley Temple is shown as earning £23,000—which is not had for one of her age.

British-born stars were high up: Merle Oberon earned £28,000, Leslie Howard £28,000, Ronald Colman £20,000, and Herbert Marshall £18,000.

The list was not complete. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer stars and executives are missing for an unexplained reason. So we do not know what Gable, Loy, or Garbo earned. Last year Louis B. Mayer, chief of M.G.M., headed the list with over £230,000. He is missing in to-day's statement.

Government taxes will reduce the earnings considerably. A salary of £40,000 pays £20,000 taxes and the scale increases to £60,000 in a £100,000-a-year "wage."

JUNK INTERCEPTED

A Japanese armed trawler raided trading junk No. T859H off Lin Tin Island on Sunday afternoon and looted the cargo. The report was made by the owner of the junk who arrived in the Colony last night.

SPIES HAD THE LAST LAUGH

A soldier sitting at an open window in a docks office heard two men talking in German. He looked down, saw they were in British uniforms. Spies!

It was a West Coast port. By the time he reached the quay the men had vanished. Police and soldiers were called to search for them.

Eventually the two suspects were found sitting on one of the look-gate—and still talking in German. In vain they pleaded that they were British radio officers. It was not until after they had been taken to barracks under guard that their story was verified.

They were both learning German. They explained they had learned German to be able to translate to shipmates all Dr. Goebbels's propaganda lies straight from the radio!

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His Excellency the Governor snapped at the Flower Show.



Major-General Murray, commanding British troops in Shanghai, photographed at the Flower Show with Mrs. Grasett, wife of the G.O.C.



D.O.S. girls at the Flower Show.

BRITAIN'S POWERFUL DEFENSIVE POSITION IN THE NEAR EAST

LONDON, TO-DAY.

"MY VISIT TO TRANS-JORDAN HAS CONVINCED ME THAT IF THE WAR MOVES TO THE NEAR EAST, BRITAIN WILL BE IN A FAR STRONGER DEFENSIVE POSITION THAN THE TURKS WERE IN THE LAST WAR," CABLES REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT AT AMMAN, TRANS-JORDAN.

He continues: "Britain is in the happy position of enjoying the complete confidence of the Arabs of Trans-Jordan and the Arabs will play an important part in defending the Allied lines of communication."

PEIPING'S FLOWER STREET GUTTED

Peiping, To-day.
Flower Street, the famous mecca of foreign tourists and well-known for its Chinese jewellery and curios, was burned down yesterday morning.

Over 70 shops were gutted, involving a loss of over \$500,000.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN ATTACKS ON VIBORG

Helsinki, To-day.

Russian attempts to attack Viborg over the ice have met with little success. Soviet troops have landed on islands at the mouth of the bay, and one report says that others have also landed in three places on the western shore, but that their numbers are not large and they are now practically surrounded.

The Finnish Army yesterday called up the 1920 class—boys of from 19 to 20—many of whom are already serving as volunteers.—Reuter.

Finnish Communique

Helsinki, To-day.

A Finnish war communique states that in the western part of the Karelian Isthmus the Russians made violent attacks against the north-west coast of Viborg Bay. Fighting still continues for possession of islands in this region in the neck of Viborg Bay.

Enemy detachments which advanced on the ice suffered heavy losses as the result of Finnish gunfire and more than 30 tanks were destroyed.

Between Viborg Bay and Vuokari the Finnish troops repulsed a local attack, destroying 17 tanks.

At Taipale, an enemy attack prepared by prolonged artillery was repulsed.

North of Lake Ladoga the enemy attacked in Pitkaranta and the archipelago and took a few islands occupied by the Finns.

The Finnish air force bombed troops and enemy columns sighted on the ice of the Gulf of Finland and Viborg Bay.—Reuter.

Soviet Communique

Moscow, To-day.

"Nothing of importance at the front," says the Soviet communique.

Soviet planes, it goes on, were active bombing enemy troops and military objectives, and three Finnish planes were shot down in combat.—Reuter.

"The enemy's main objective would be the pipe line from Kirkur to Tripoli and Haifa, which supplies oil for the Mediterranean Fleet and the Allied armies.

"He would also aim at the newly-built road alongside the pipe line from Haifa to Baghdad and the Persian Gulf, which forms an alternative to the Suez Canal route to India.

"The Arabs would co-operate in the struggle not by attacking the enemy's lines of communication, as in the last war, but by defending the Allies' life line."—Reuter.

FINLAND CONTRASTS

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finnish newspapers welcome the recent broadcast speech by Colonel Kermit Roosevelt, who is to head the British volunteers for Finland, and who took the Volunteer's Oath in London yesterday in the presence of the Finnish Minister.

Calling the British volunteers "Warriors of Humanity," one leading Helsinki newspaper contrasts this practical help with mere expressions of sympathy and says that the British have shown understanding of what really is at stake.—Reuter.

VOLUNTEER WORKERS OFF TO FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Three hundred volunteers-workers left for Finland on Wednesday night. They received a rousing send off, and will replace Finnish workers who have been called to the Colours.—Havas.

EGYPTIAN DONATIONS FOR FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Cairo, To-day.

No less than £5,000 has been collected for relief organisations in Finland by a high group of Egyptian officials.

Commenting on the moving appeal made by the Finns, "whose victories have won the admiration of the whole world," the editor of the "Bourse Egyptienne" paid tribute to the Finnish army and its leader, Field-Marshal Mannerheim.

"Their victories over the invader are also our victories," the writer stated. "It is the triumph of law over disorder, of civilisation over savagery, or order and humanity over the powers of destruction.

"We should not forget that if the aggressor succeeded in breaking down the Finnish resistance we would all be threatened directly and the Russians would not hesitate to bring the plague of war to the east."—Havas.

NOTHING IN H. K. BORDER RUMOURS

Rumours of "trouble on the border" were again current this morning in Hong Kong, but responsible police circles deny that anything is happening.

The rumours alleged that Japanese units had been landed at Namtau, apparently with the intention of re-occupying Shum Chun.

"It is just a story. The rumours are false and there is absolutely nothing doing. The border territory is quiet," the "China Mail" was informed.

U.S. LOAN TO CHINA

Washington, To-day.

The Export and Import Bank announces that the trustees have approved a loan of \$20,000,000 to China to finance non-military exports.

Loans of \$10,000,000 and \$1,000,000 were approved for Denmark and Iceland, respectively.—Reuter.

ANOTHER DUTCH SHIP ATTACKED

Amsterdam, To-day.

When the Dutch motorship Delfzige arrived at the port of Hanawert yesterday she reported she had been heavily attacked by an unknown aeroplane while on the way to Rotterdam.

The plane started by raking the motorship with machine-gun fire. Then it dropped six or seven bombs which fell nearby, causing terrific explosions which rocked the ship and did considerable damage.—Reuter.

CONSPIRACY WITH POLICE CONSTABLE

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. R. Edwards this morning on Ip Wong, 33, bus conductor, when he was charged with conspiracy to obtain a driving licence by false pretences, and obtaining a licence by false pretences on March 27, last year.

Detective Sergeant Forrest said defendant was employed by the China Motor Bus Company as a conductor. In 1938, he bought an old driving licence from the widow of Wong Iu, who formerly worked with the company, for three dollars.

On March 27 last, he met Police Constable C640, to whom he gave \$20 and two of his photographs for the purpose of changing Wong Iu's driving licence and the records in the Traffic Office.

This was neatly done, but it was still a mystery to the Police how the photo of the record of Wong Iu's licence had changed.

The constable C640 deserted from the Force some time last month for another reason.

Defendant was arrested on information.

EDUCATIONAL FILMS FOR SCHOOLS

London, To-day.

An intensive campaign to encourage the fullest use of films in schools for general educational purposes is being undertaken by the British Film Institute. The campaign will extend over some six months.—British Wireless.

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It is plain that in the recent attacks on fishing-boats and lightships the German Government has entered on a new and deliberate phase of frightfulness. The very vehemence and brazenness of its defence is admission of that. It is becoming difficult even for its apologists to keep with it. Thus the "Frankfurter Zeitung," which does not usually descend to the cruder hate-propaganda to be found in such papers as those of Goering, Goebbels, and Ley, has lately been trying to find an explanation of the new phase of the war at sea. It has come across an article in a Swiss newspaper describing how the Admiralty has called on fishermen to man its small craft in the fight against the mine and the U-boat. Therefore, according to the logical mind of the "Frankfurter Zeitung," all fishermen become combatants (and presumably lightship-keepers too). "It is difficult to imagine," says the German apologist, "that the British sailors themselves, who in their fishing-boats have shot at German U-boats and at German airmen, much enjoy the tearfulness with which their manly struggle is now being falsified to make it appear that they were surprised by the enemy at their peaceful avocations. They have fought as soldiers. Germans have seen in them soldierly opponents. Only their own Government will no longer recognise their soldierly qualities." There is, unhappily, little means of bringing home to the German people the magnitude of the lies with which it is fed; we can only trust to the realisation of the truth in the outside world and remember it against those responsible when the time comes. — "Manchester Guardian."

CRUSOE UNMASKED

The department of Nazi research responsible for stripping the sheep's clothing from the British wolf has turned its attention to "Robinson Crusoe" and unmasked a dangerous intrigue. It seems that expurgated and innocuous versions of this subversive work have for some time been in circulation in Germany, and have tended to put the simpler-minded Nazis off their guard. But a learned writer in the Danziger Vorposten has referred to the original text, and has been horrified by what he finds there.

He has discovered the sinister figure of one Daniel Defoe, who followed the deplorable profession of a journalist—not a disciplined Nazi writer who waits for this opinions to be delivered to him by registered post from the Brown House, but a low fellow working in a country "where there were not yet any laws binding editors—not that it is likely that there ever will be any such laws for the British gutter Press."

Such a creature, hurrying into print with uncontrolled ideas of his own, was just the man to make incarnate in "Der Robinson" all the most insidious and diabolic features of British "Imperialism." Robinson has no sooner landed on his desert island than he feels himself its ruler, the pole round which its whole life must turn. Such ideas

(could the name be a corruption of Jewsoe?) at once betray his insubordinate character. The fact that it was twenty-five years before he saw so much as a footprint on the sand is no excuse for lawlessness, even a shipwrecked mariner should have at least a dictator's picture in his pocket, before which to practise saluting. An empty island may be any, must be—the Lebensraum of the nearest superior race. — "The Times."

**A TEN-BILLION-DOLLAR
GIFT**

As the European situation rapidly unfolds, daily it must be becoming more and more evident to more and more people that the United States, because of timid congressional leadership in both parties in both the Senate and the House, committed one of the greatest sins of omission in all history, when, measured in blood, suffering, misery and properly, before Congress adjourned in the early part of last summer, a resolution should have been passed unanimously in the Senate and in the House to the effect that in case Great Britain and France decided to risk their all in a war to stay the bloody hands of the dictators, the United States would give (not lend) Great Britain and France ten billion dollars' worth of munitions and war materials as its contribution to help preserve the right of civilised peoples to live under representative governments or under such governments as they themselves might choose.

Ten billion dollars' worth of munitions and war materials would cost this country little more than the value of the raw material required. We have millions of idle men, who could manufacture and fabricate it at little more expense than the cost of maintaining them in idleness.

It is not necessary for the United States to be rich, to be great, to be powerful and to be in position where she can assume a moral leadership, but if she is, she cannot escape her moral obligation, and should not under some circumstances quibble about extending material aid. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." — Thomas W. Phillips, Jr., former member of Congress, in the Butler (Pa.) Eagle.

IMPASSE ?

The central fact in this situation is that throughout these years it has been American export of strategic war supplies which has enabled Japan to carry on its conquest and to establish rigid control over most Chinese industry, finance, and natural resources.

Thus the dilemma which is about to be faced is: Japan's conquest in China, made possible by war-material imports from America, is destroying the "Open Door" principle of equality of commercial opportunity which the United States wishes to restore.

The expiration last week of the Japanese trade treaty gives the United States new freedom of action. No precipitate step is expected. The President and the State Department will give Japan opportunity to reappraise the prospects.

It is a grave and consequential decision. Neither the American Government nor the American people approach it in any mood of anger or with any ill will toward the Japanese people. The issue has every appearance of an impasse from which much harm and hostility can come.

It need not be. Intelligence and understanding are urgently needed on both sides. Agreement alone can bring benefit to every nation which has interests on the Pacific. Japan will need courage and vision to make its

U.S. IN THE ORIENT

The United States cannot afford, merely for current and passing profits, to renew a trade agreement with Japan. It is to our interest to break the stranglehold that Nation has on the Orient by every practical pacific, economic, and financial means in our power. We should rewrite the treaty only on terms of a truly independent China covering at least the area called China that existed before January, 1931. — Cornelius A. Wood.

contribution. Perhaps the United States, as Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell has suggested, can take the lead in encouraging Great Britain, France, and the Netherlands to join in guaranteeing to Japan equal access to raw materials and trade in the Philippines, India, French Indo-China, and the East Indies on the basis of which humanity will be the winner and war will be the loser. Peace can come to the Pacific. — J. Roscoe Drummond.

Sweden Working For Armistice In Finland

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

A GUARDED STATEMENT ISSUED BY A FINNISH SPOKESMAN IN HELSINKI YESTERDAY SEEMS PARTIALLY TO CONFIRM PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE DELIVERED AN ULTIMATUM TO FINLAND GIVING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY OF CONCLUDING PEACE NOW, ON TERMS MORE SEVERE THAN WERE REFUSED BY FINLAND LAST AUTUMN.

The reports state that the ultimatum expires at midnight on Friday, and that there is a possibility of an armistice on Saturday.

Russia's new demands include the surrender of the entire Karelian Isthmus including the existing Mannerheim Line defences, the port of Hangoe, and the Petsamo region.

The rumours declare that Russia has made a move towards an armistice on these terms on pressure from Germany, and that Sweden is playing an active part in trying to arrange it.

Finnish statesmen, not in the Government, are reported to have arrived at Stockholm.

"DANGEROUS" REPORTS

The Swedish Foreign Minister has refused to confirm the reports, and a close censorship has now been imposed on all outgoing telegrams from Stockholm, because some of the reports sent out have been "dangerous." No indication of what these reports were has been given.

Meanwhile, heavy fighting continues in the Viborg Bay area, where the Russians have suffered severe punishment. — Havas.

An Official Bulletin

London, To-day. According to a Helsinki telegram, an official bulletin issued there states that from information in the possession of the Finnish Government, the Soviet Government is believed to have planned the presentation of demands to Finland more far-reaching than those of last autumn.

Meanwhile, in Stockholm, though official confirmation is lacking, reports from usually reliable sources insist that negotiations are progressing for an armistice between Finnish, Swedish, German and Russian delegates.

Armistice Talk Reports

Preliminary talks for an armistice are believed to have been going on for some days, although the Swedish Foreign Office, which is reported to be acting as chief mediator, will neither confirm nor deny the reports.

Germany's part in the negotiations is apparently being played by the Nazi press chief, Herr Dietrich, who flew to Stockholm for a secret one-day visit.

According to one version the present negotiations are being conducted on the basis of Russian demands for the cession of

The Karelian Isthmus, Lake Ladoga and the territory north of this, A section of Lapland, including Petsamo, and

The port of Hangoe.

Rome Story

According to the Rome radio, which reports considerable diplomatic activity in Stockholm and Helsinki, it is believed that Russia, Sweden and Germany are working for a plan for mediation in the Finnish war. Delegates of the three countries are expected to be joined by Field-Marshal Mannerheim, the Finnish commander-in-chief, and Marshal Blucher, the Soviet commander, it was added. — Reuter.

Passiviki In Stockholm

Stockholm, To-day.

It is confirmed that M. Passiviki, who led the Finnish mission to Moscow in the effort to avert the war, has arrived in Stockholm. Rumours that he is here to take part in peace negotiations are not confirmed. — Reuter.

Telephonic Communication Interrupted

London, To-day.

Telephone communication between Stockholm and a number of foreign capitals, including London, were interrupted at the Swedish end last night.

In Copenhagen, Reuter was told that calls to Stockholm were stopped "because the Government doesn't want sensational rumours published about the situation."

The word "situation," it is assumed, refers to rumours of Swedish mediation in Finland.

A later report on the situation comes from the Paris radio, which states that the Soviet has presented Finland with an ultimatum, expiring at noon on Saturday. No corroboration of the report is available. — Reuter.

Radio Announcement

Helsinki, To-day.

The radio has issued an official announcement that the Soviet has presented Finland with new and more far-reaching demands.

Further details were promised later. — Reuter.

WILL HAND BE FORCED?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finnish telegraphic agency has issued the following communique "According to official information Russia has planned to present Finland with new territorial demands which go much further than those of last autumn."

Semi-official comment is that Finland is ready to accept an honourable peace, taking into consideration Soviet interests but would refuse to accept any proposal "destroying" her independence.

General sentiment is that no possible help could come from Norway and Sweden while Allied help will probably be insufficient.

Furthermore, Sweden and Norway, fearing to become a battlefield, are therefore likely to refuse to allow the transit of major Allied help. — Havas.

NAZIS BESIEGED

Washington, To-day.

The newspaper "Washington Star" declares: "Instead of facing a Britain and France which Ribbentrop said would never fight, the Nazis are besieged by land and water."

"Their ships have been swept from the seas, their mighty army pinned on the Siegfried Line, their civilian population and industry at its wits end to maintain themselves against slow but sure strangulation." — Reuter.

PEIPING FOOD RIOTS

Peiping, To-day.

The spotlight locally has shifted from political affairs to the economic situation and even the forthcoming central political conference at Nanking, at which the future political status of North China will possibly be decided, cannot obscure or even rival the serious and rapidly worsening situation.

Despite all the efforts of the authorities the food situation shows all

signs of developing into a major tragedy and it is a wonder the Chinese are able to exist at all under present conditions.

According to the latest figures it costs for a family twice as much to subsist on the meanest fare as its monthly income.

Already there have been riots in Peiping. Hundreds gather daily at the food shops and tragic scenes are witnessed as crowds of half starving Chinese, including women and children, gather in the hope of purchasing food which is either non-existent or selling at exorbitant prices or is in the hands of unscrupulous hoarders. — Reuter.

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"Queen Elizabeth" Docks In New York Next "Queen Mary"

KEEPING OF THE SECRET AROUSES ADMIRATION

New York, To-day.

THE GIANT 85,000-TON British liner Queen Elizabeth has brought to an end her spectacular maiden journey. She lay at quarantine yesterday afternoon, waiting for the late afternoon tide to take her up to her berth.

Although hundreds of people must have seen her moving in the Clyde 10 days ago, the announcement on Wednesday night that she was nearing the United States came as a complete surprise.

She was first sighted at about noon on Wednesday by an aeroplane but as she was then outside American territorial waters the aeroplane refused to disclose her exact position.

She was making her way through smooth seas, thick smoke belching from her two funnels up into a cloud-dotted sky.

Her decks looked bare and lifeless. She carried no identification marks, but the Red Ensign was broken from her stern as the plane circled overhead. She was painted gray all over.

The Queen Elizabeth carried no passengers, but she had a number of technical experts on board, as, in addition to being her maiden voyage, the journey was also in the nature of a trial trip.

The fact that she managed to cross the Atlantic before anyone even knew she had left the Clyde has made a great impression in Canada and the United States.

The Canadian newspapers use the term "audacious," and the way in which the secret of her crossing was kept has aroused wonder and admiration.

The New York newspapers print large pictures of the Queen Elizabeth and of the Queen Mary and the Normandie, alongside which she is to berth.

The popular "New York Journal and American" prints a banner headline reading: "Huge British Liner Foils Submarines in Secret Trip."

GREY WHALE
The businesslike grey paint and the absence of passengers lining the rails made the giant vessel's arrival a strange contrast to the arrival of the Queen Mary.

The airmen who sighted her described her as looking like "a great dirty grey whale."

Five hundred police and detectives had been drafted to the pier prepared for her arrival as crowds of New Yorkers streamed to the waterside to welcome her.—Reuter.

Official Reason For Dramatic Dash

London, To-day.

It is authoritatively stated that the Queen Elizabeth sailed across the Atlantic to make room for other ships in England, as every berth is needed for the ceaseless stream of shipping entering British ports.

In New York, the Cunard-White Star Company issued another statement on the dramatic dash.

The statement says that only twice a year, when the tides are unusually high, is there sufficient depth of water to navigate a ship of her size to the open sea. Such a tide occurred in the latter part of February and the Queen Elizabeth sailed at that time.

UNEVENTFUL VOYAGE

In view of the circumstances it was decided that she proceed to America, which she did under the command of

Capt. J. C. Townley after an uneventful voyage at moderate speed.

The internal accommodation of the Queen Elizabeth has not been completed.

No plans have been made for the vessel except tying her up at the pier along with the Queen Mary in accordance with the arrangements for all other ships of the Company stopping in an American port.—Reuter.

Planes Greet Liner

New York, To-day.

The Queen Elizabeth passed Battery Place, at the entrance to the Hudson River, at 8.41 (G.M.T.).

As the liner appeared like a ghost ship sirens from a myriad small craft shrieked a welcome and downtown New York skyscrapers launched a shower of ticker-tape and torn paper.

The liner's own deep-toned sirens boomed acknowledgment of the welcome.

Several planes soared above the liner while harbour craft of all sorts circled around admiring her lines.

After a ceremonial reception by the president of New York City Council, Capt. Townley, the Queen Elizabeth's commander, told reporters no submarines had been seen on the voyage and the convoy was dropped after one day out.—Reuter.

New York, To-day.

The Queen Elizabeth docked at 10 p.m. (G.M.T.).—Reuter.

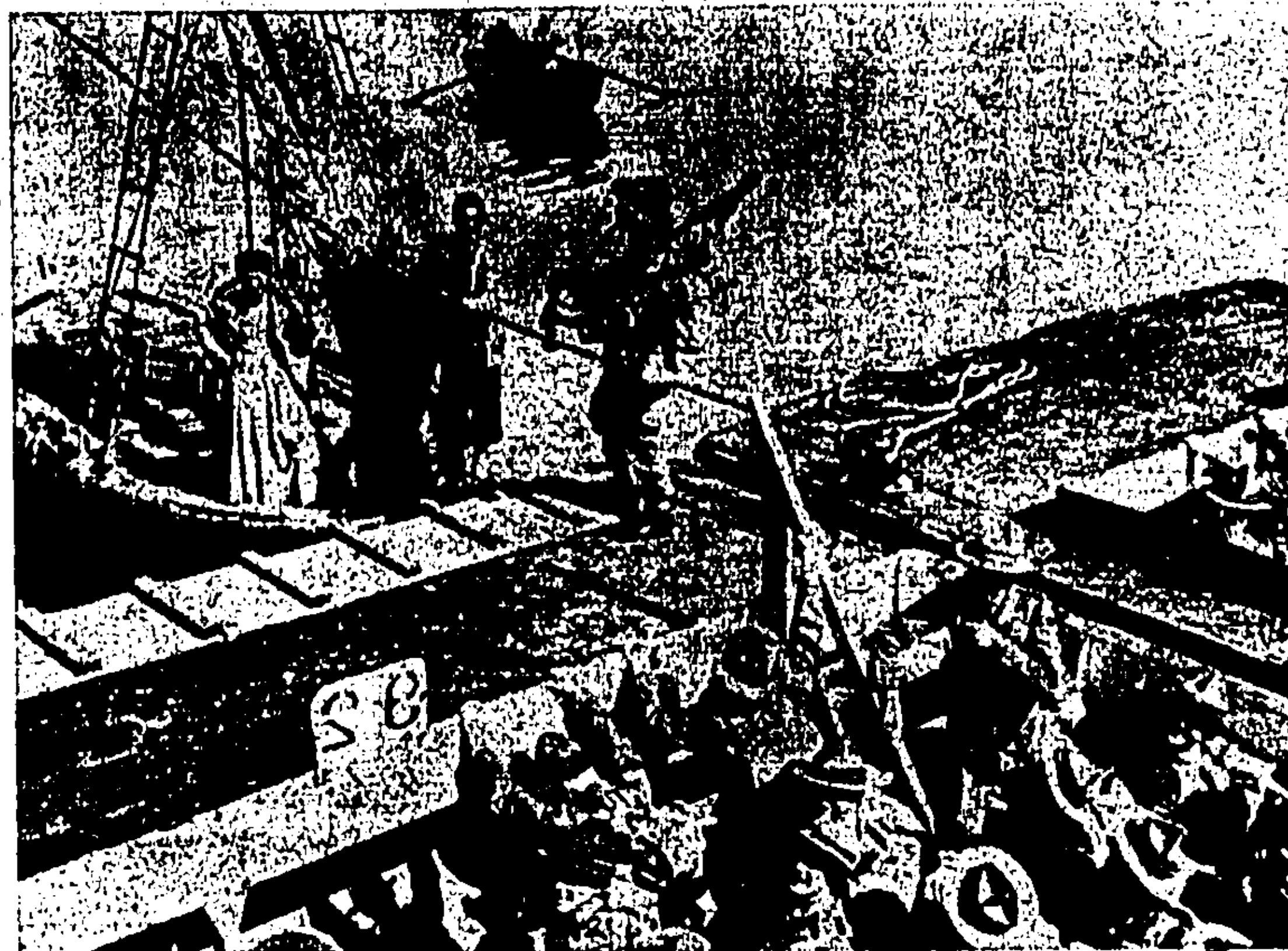
KING CAROL ON NEUTRALITY

BUCHAREST, TO-DAY.

KING CAROL OPENED THE NEW SESSION OF THE RUMANIAN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY WITH AN EMPHATIC REAFFIRMATION OF HIS COUNTRY'S POLICY OF NEUTRALITY.

He said that the rules of neutrality had been, and would be, followed. The entire resources of the nation would be behind the army as a special guarantee of Rumania's independence and the integrity of her frontiers.

He made special mention of relations with Bulgaria and Italy.—Reuter.



ANZACS ARRIVE IN MIDDLE EAST — The Second Australian Imperial Force and the New Zealand Expeditionary Force at Suez. A New Zealand piper introduces strange music to native boatmen. (Copy-right, Fox).

TRADES DISPUTES ACT MOVE

London, To-day.

It would be impracticable in wartime to introduce the necessary legislation to alter the provisions of the Trade Disputes Act of 1927, the Prime Minister told a deputation of the Trade Union Congress at 10 Downing Street yesterday.

The deputation expressed profound disappointment and said they would report the position to the General Council of the T.U.C.—Reuter.

CIGARETTES FOR FORCES

London, To-day.

British and American employees of the Bahrain Petroleum Co. have subscribed for over 112,000 cigarettes for the men of the forces through the Overseas Tobacco Fund.

This fund keeps a special eye on the needs of prisoners of war, to whom cigarettes are now being sent. It is also learnt that 5,000,000 cigarettes will be sent to men in the mine-sweepers shortly.—Reuter.

MASARYK HONOURED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Somewhere in France, To-day.

Yesterday was the anniversary of M. Masaryk, Grand Old Man and Liberator of Czechoslovakia, and the occasion was duly celebrated "somewhere in France."

Fitting ceremonies were held and the Czechoslovak Army swore oaths of fidelity to the fatherland, the Government and to their superior officers.—Havas.

NORTH CHINA TO BE VIRTUALLY INDEPENDENT

Peking, To-day.

It is presumed locally that North China will retain, as the result of

AUSTRALIAN COALITION LIKELY

SYDNEY, TO-DAY.

THE COUNTRY PARTY TO HOLD A MEETING ON MONDAY TO CONSIDER THE OFFER BY THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER, MR. MENZIES, TO FORM A COALITION GOVERNMENT WITH MR. CAMERON, THE COUNTRY PARTY LEADER, AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, WHILE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY ARE OFFERED THREE PORTFOLIOS AND THREE HONORARY MINISTERSHIPS.

It is generally expected that the Country Party will accept the offer.

The coalition of Mr. Menzie's United Australian Party with the Country Party will give them a clear majority in Parliament, although the Labour Party holds slightly more seats than either of them separately.—Reuter.

AFRIDIS READY TO FIGHT REDS

WASHAWAR, TO-DAY.

OVER 100,000 AFRIDI TRIBESMEN ARE READY TO FIGHT AGAINST RUSSIA, ACCORDING TO A DAILY VERNACULAR NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED HERE.

The newspaper says the tribesmen have informed the Government that they will volunteer to fight in the event of Russia attacking any eastern power.

The paper adds that as Muslim Afridis consider it their sacred duty to prevent a "godless nation like Russia from succeeding in her designs" they will endeavour to secure the adherence of other important tribes to this principle.—Reuter.

DANUBE THAW ONLY OF SHORT DURATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day.

The thaw which set in on the Danube was of short duration.

River traffic has been impossible for three months and many cargoes destined for Germany have been held up. It is unlikely that they will be able to move until the last week in March.—Havas.

the forthcoming Nanking discussions, a more or less independent status under the central regime.—Reuter.

News Snack Bar

STRANGE FATE OF BRITAIN'S CIVIL AIR FLEET

GENERAL USES GIANT AIR LINER FOR BATMAN'S TRIP

BRITAIN HAS SWEEPED the seas of German ships, but we are in danger of allowing our civil air fleets to be swept from the skies.

Most of the air services are "dead," and all the great air liners which once carried passengers and mails at home are performing some strange duties.

One multi-engined air liner was used to carry a General's batman and his luggage to France. The General and his A.D.C. used a light aeroplane. A four-seater machine could have carried the lot.



"But there must be some way to reach Paris!"
"You might try the Maginot Line."
(From The Toronto Globe & Mail)

Sweden Must Collect

Sweden has sent 500 goods wagons to Germany to get the coal she needs. Germany is ready to deliver the coal, but has not got the necessary rolling stock.

£100,000 A Week For War

Northern Ireland is subscribing to War Savings Certificates and War Defence Bonds at the rate of £100,000 a week.

Fairbanks — To Widow

Douglas Fairbanks, senior, who died on December 12, left half his estate to his widow, formerly Lady Sylvia Ashley.

He stipulated however that she should not receive more than 1,000,000 dollars (£250,000).

Sunday Cinemas For

Lovers Only

Sunday cinema shows for lovers only are to open in Cardiff.

Cupid is to decide what civilians shall pass the box-office.

Subject to the approval of the City Council and the Home Secretary, the Watch Committee decided that two cinemas in the city centre and two in the suburbs can open on Sunday, but not for the general public.

The shows will be reserved for members of the Forces in uniform, who can have one companion each.

So Cardiff girls may go if they are escorted by a soldier, sailor or airman. And men still in "civies" if they are with one of the W.R.A.F.s, A.T.S.s or W.R.N.s.

Another—a twelve-seater costing thousands of pounds—was dispatched from the North to a West Country airport to take an Air Ministry official elsewhere.

In vain he protested by 'phone that a similar air liner was available on the aerodrome with a pilot standing by.

Despite this the other machine was sent to him to take him a 100 miles trip.

In yet a third case, a 38-seater air liner was sent to France with a load of goalposts for the Army. This liner would have earned about £500 for the double journey as a passenger machine.

In some cases air liners are being used for Army co-operation work.

ATLANTIC NONOPOLY
A pilot and radio operator take up a twelve-seater to fly on a short five-mile course, so that gunners and searchlight crews may secure experience of ranging on them.

It costs just as much to operate the air liners for such duties as if they were filled with fare-paying passengers.

The new Short flying boats, built for the passenger traffic, have been commandeered for the R.A.F., which does not need them.

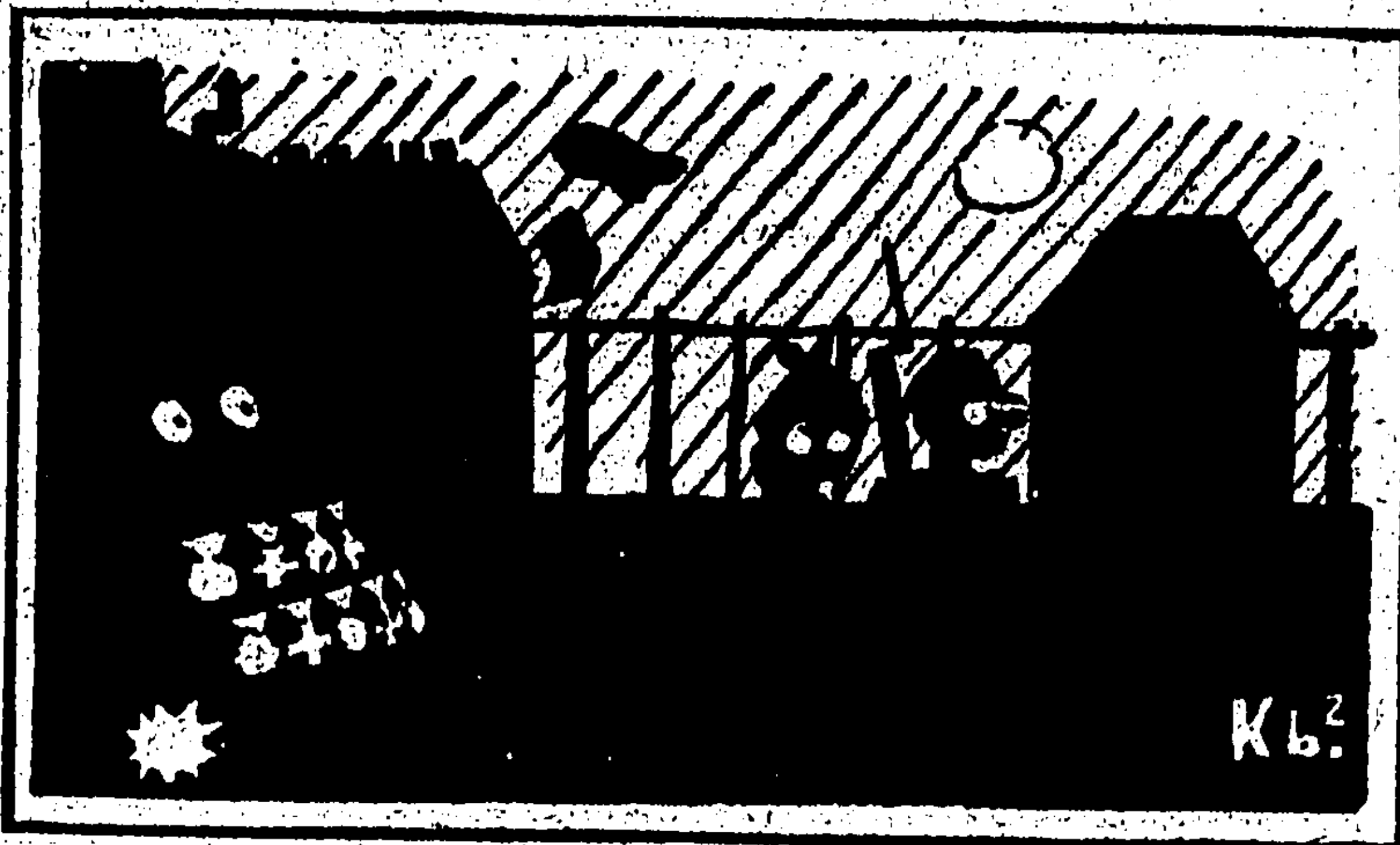
Meanwhile Pan-American Airways have built a fleet of passenger flying boats, and are "bagging" all the Atlantic traffic.

If you want to fly to any neutral country in Europe from Britain you must fly by the Dutch air liners from a South Coast port.

All the British services to the Continent, except a line to Paris have been abandoned.

Pending decisive action the war will end with Britain without a single serviceable flying-boat or air liner, and all our air routes will be lost to neutral competitors.

Internal services should be restored, and where our air liners fly into danger areas they should be protected by the R.A.F., just as ships of the Merchant Navy are protected by the Royal Navy.



"Le Canard Enchaîné"
"Run, Gretchen, here comes Goering!"

Paris.

Organised 1914 Drive

Lord Waring, who in the early stages of the last war organised great factories for the production of planes, engines and general war equipment, died at his home in Portland-place, London, W.

He was seventy-nine.

A Poem Buys

Their Wool

A poem is helping Glasgow women, knitting woollen comforts for the troops, to get their material free.

It was written by a towns-woman, and already 28,000 penny copies of it have been sold at a profit of 7s. a hundred—£98. With this fund wool is bought.

Ready For Their

Victory Dance

Hitler might as well pack up while the going is as good for him as ever it will be.

The people of Byfield, Northants, have arranged a victory dance and supper to celebrate the end of the war!

Posters have been drawn up—with the date blank—a hall has been engaged, a band booked and all other arrangements made.

Gertrud Doesn't Work

There Any More

It is almost impossible for workers in Germany to change their jobs now the country is at war.

Gertrud Westphal, of Rostock, North Germany, thought that one good way would be to set fire to the factory where she worked.

She did—and left the factory she hated so much—for the police station. Gertrud paid for her crime by being executed.

56 Profiteers Sentenced

Fifty-six French merchants and tradesmen have been convicted of profiteering in one week. Sentences varied from fines to imprisonment.

Pensions Limit Removed

The Admiralty announces that in the Naval War Pensions Regulations issued by the Ministry of Pensions, a limit was placed on the number of children in respect of whom disablement pensioners may receive additional allowances.

This limitation has now been removed and allowances will be paid in respect of all eligible children.

Showing Up The Police

The black-out equipment of Salford (Lancashire) traffic policemen includes an illuminated aluminium device, worn on the helmet, showing the word "Police."

Pocket batteries supply the current, and for red and green lights held in either hand for the direction of traffic, states the "Police Review."

Nazi Fire-Bug To Die

A nineteen-year-old youth, Heinz Voellger, has been sentenced to death under Germany's severe wartime law for setting fire to the farm buildings of a neighbour with whom he had had an argument.

The death penalty is based on a law passed five days after war broke out. Damage to the farmer's property amounted to about £1,000.

Neutrals Think

For Themselves

Copenhagen's National Tidende takes a firm stand against the German official Press and the propaganda service, with an article entitled, "More Instruction in Neutrality."

"We small peoples are bold enough to think that we ourselves are in a position to judge what serves our own interests and what does not," says the article.

Referring to the question of aid for Finland, the article notes that this is a problem of vital interest for the Northern States, and that it should not be claimed outside that it should be subordinated to the purposes of other Powers.

Prison For Trying

To Knock Hats Off

Two German boys, under sixteen years of age, have been sentenced to eighteen months and twenty-seven months' imprisonment respectively for endangering pedestrians.

They had stretched a string across the street in Erfurt during the black out to knock off people's hats.



"Do you remember when we were enemies?"
"Ah, yes! Those were the days!"

Paris.

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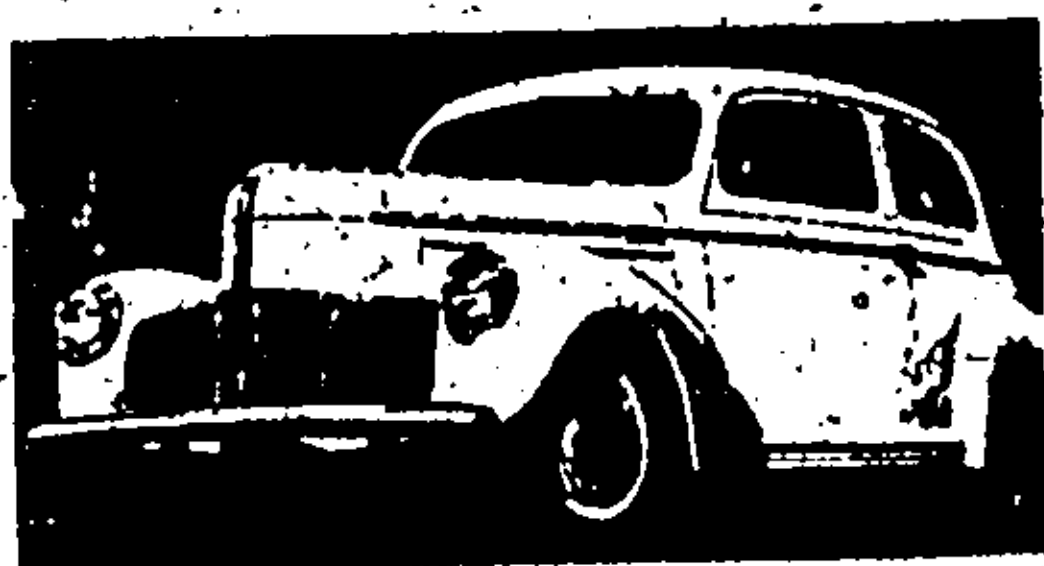
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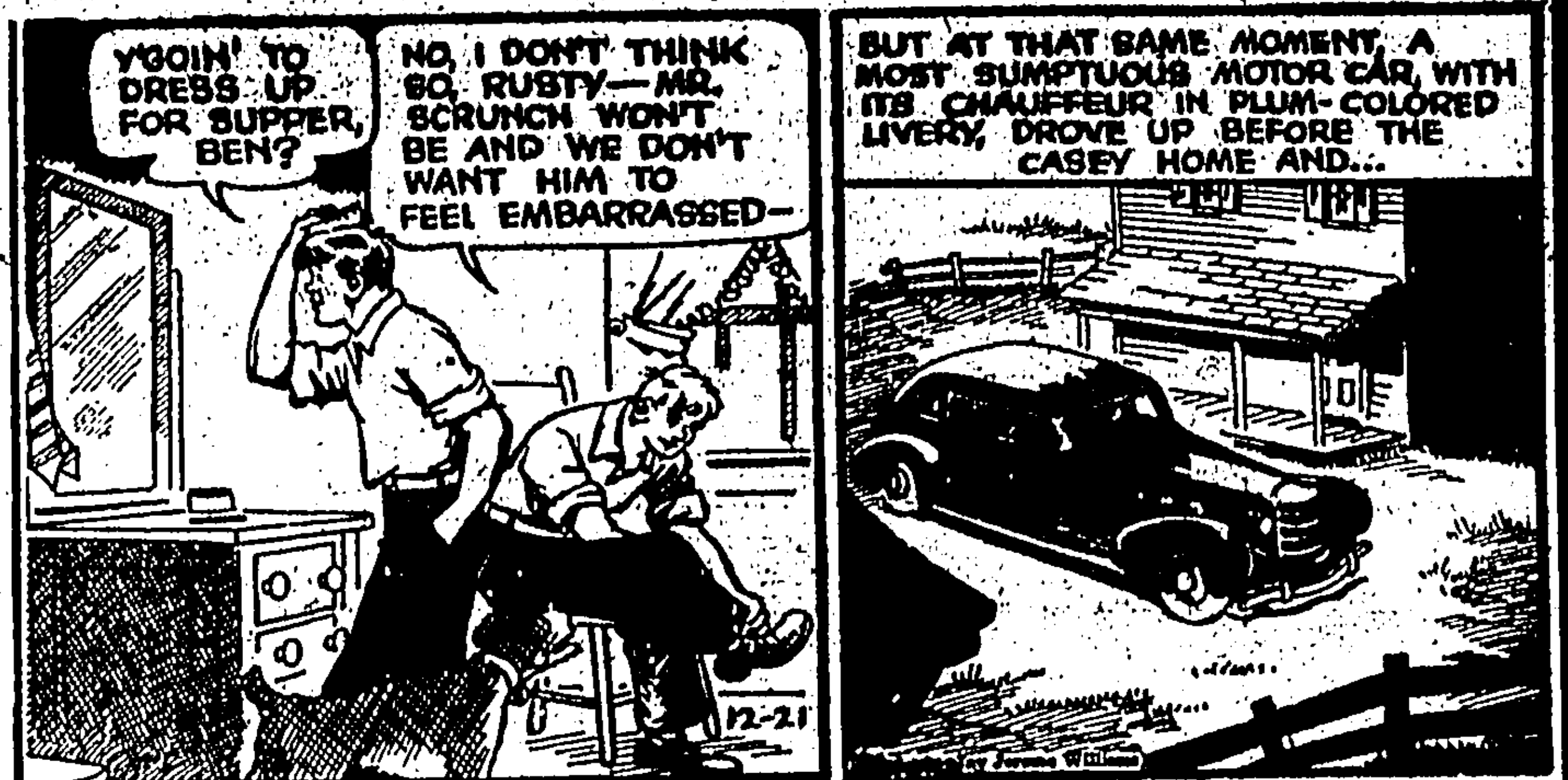
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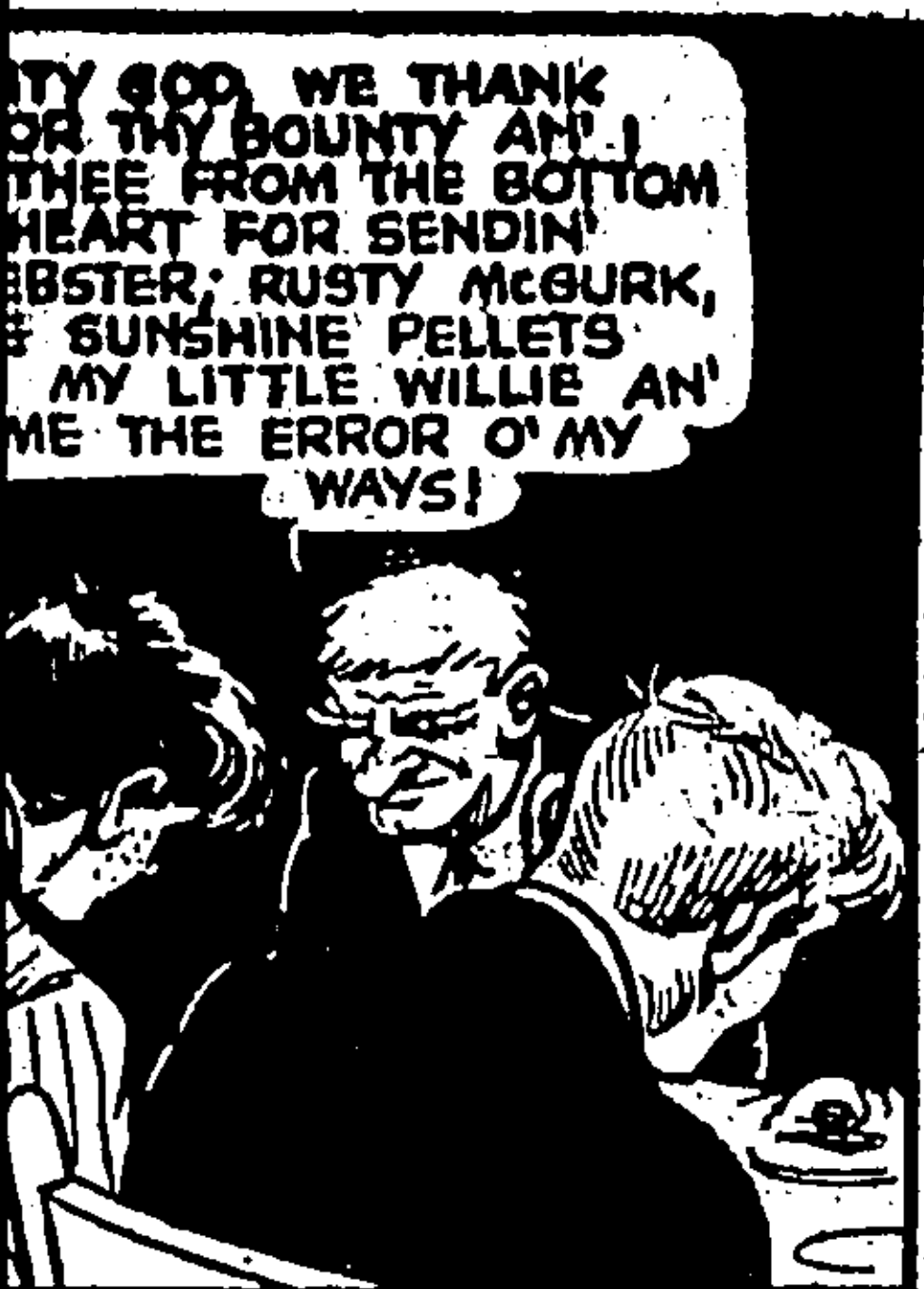
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SHORT STORY

TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE

By Sir William Thomas, M.B.E.

The story I have to tell is not one I am really proud of. True, I succeeded in what I set out to do, but in doing so I became unwittingly an accomplice in a most impudent theft.

Anyway, you can judge for yourselves. It happened at a place I will call Brimston (for obvious reasons I do not give its real name, but I do not doubt many of those familiar with the place will recognise it), which at that time was a fashionable Spa for the cure of all sorts of "perennial" complaints.

The Hotel Superb was considered the best place in the town, and it was there that I met, in that same year, Gloria Stapleton, who was there with her "Momma" (as she called her) while the latter was undergoing her month's cure.

Gloria was rightly named, for she was gloriously beautiful; a natural blonde, with eyes of sapphire blue and the features of a Greek goddess. She was also a very considerable heiress, her mother being the widow of a man (her second husband) who had made a fortune on Wall-street.

A very slight service I was able to perform for Gloria led to a friendship between us, which, though naturally of the most platonic nature, was very pleasant to me—and not unflattering since she always had a horde of young fellows buzzing around her.

Naturally, I had at least some of her confidence, and so one day was emboldened to express surprise that she, with her looks and her expectations, had not married before.

"I guess that's mostly Momma's fault," she told me. "Though I've got to admit that, up to now, I haven't met any male who's managed to disturb my sleep at night!"

"Another thing is that Momma is old-fashioned in some respects, and she's just crazy on me marrying a title. And as I'd like to please her, if we can find one that's fairly young and good-looking, I guess I shan't mind . . ."

That seemed to me a queer way of looking at marriage, but I don't pretend to understand the young people of to-day, so I didn't offer any sort of protest.

We often used to dine together, and "Momma" had a habit of covering herself with valuable jewels, a habit that I found rather repellant. But she was proud of them, and told me that a diamond and ruby necklace she usually wore was worth fifty thousand pounds. I thought: "Then it's fifty thousand pounds worth of blatant vulgarity!" but said aloud:

"I should be careful with it, if I were you. It would be a great temptation for any crook!"

Gloria laughed: "Oh, it's safe enough here, at any rate. This little old England of yours is a mighty honest place, you know!"

I wasn't so sure of that, but said no more.

I was sorry when Momma's month's treatment was up, and we had to part. The friendliness and confidence of a beautiful young heiress, given willingly, and in preference over a lot of quite good-looking young men, is bound to be flattering to a man of my age, however platonic the relationship may be. But, apart from that, I had grown genuinely fond of Gloria Stapleton. I was a little comforted by the fact that a tentative appointment was made to meet again at Brimston the following year.

"I guess Momma'll be needing her cure again by then," Gloria told me. "So I'll be looking out for you."

And, sure enough, we did meet there again the following year. But, as I daresay you've noticed, it is seldom possible to repeat a really happy time, and this was no exception to the rule.

Almost the first person I met when I arrived at the Hotel in the following Spring was Momma. She looked younger than ever, and seemed to have a light of triumph in her eye.

"Where is Gloria?" I asked her, when greetings were over.

"Oh, she . . . ! She's out with the Prince—sorry, I mean Mr. . . . er . . . Signor Rienza!"

"And who might he be?" I asked, not too pleasantly. Somehow I didn't like the name—it didn't ring quite true to me, if you know what I mean.

"Well," smiled Momma, coyly—that's the only way I can describe her attitude. "He might be—Signor Rienza! But he isn't . . ."

"What on earth do you mean?" I demanded.

"Well, I'm not supposed to—its a great secret! But—well, I guess you're an old friend, and I can tell you. He's a gentleman we met in Naples. Young, handsome, and all that—but not very well heeled—these Italian noblemen never are, you know. But he's a Prince in his own right—the Prince of . . . No, I mustn't say it aloud—I'd better whisper it."

Upon my word, the woman was almost flirtatious—in her triumph. She whispered the name and title of her Prince, and that sounded pretty stagey to me, too. I didn't like the sound of it—or of him, at all.

Later, I met him. He was slim, elegant, dark and handsome—a little too much of all of them, I thought. Except that he didn't seem to me to be dark enough for an Italian. And it also seemed to me that his broken English was a trifle overdone. His "Good morning, Sir—I am please of meeting you!" seemed to me to reek of the amateur stage. But of course that fool mother with her silly ambitions couldn't see anything like that.

That night I put a phone-call through to a friend of mine connected with the Italian Legation. Yes, he said, there was a Prince of that name, and he was handsome and penurious—but where he was at the moment, they could not say.

My suspicions became further aroused when I learned that the "Prince" had only been in England a few days—and yet his clothes, smart enough, but by no means brand-new, were most undoubtedly of English cut.

And then I thought of another little test. I bribed a waiter to spill some hot coffee over his hand. The result of this test was more or less a positive, for the "Prince" jumped and shouted: "Damn it, you fool, what d'you think . . . !"

But he pulled himself together on that, and burst into a fine stream of Italian profanity. Apart from satisfying myself, however, my experiment was a failure, because Momma never noticed it (she was so concerned about the precious Prince being hurt), and when I referred to it later, passed it off as imagination on my part.

I was now quite convinced that this alleged "Prince" was an imposter. His anxiety about the preservation of his incognito—little princelings are usually the other way about—seemed to confirm my conviction, and so did the hungry way he looked at Momma's necklace at dinner when she wore it.

I found myself in a cleft stick, and didn't know what the devil to do. I was convinced that this infernal gigolo (as I called him to myself) was up to no good. I could see him marrying Gloria, getting his hands on a large slice of her money, and then vanishing into the blue. And my problem was—how was I to stop his little game?

I have all the average Englishman's dislike to interfering in what doesn't, on the face of it, concern me, and a deadly fear of being told to mind my own business. Also, I was not, after all, in a position to prove that the fellow was an imposter, and I didn't want to make myself look a fool.

But the strongest part of the muzzle on me lay in the fact that I knew perfectly well that if I had a serious talk about it to Momma, the confounded fool of a woman would think I was actuated by some sort of jealousy.

I thought of two things to do. I ned Stullick. He won't go to the police for pinching those sparklers, anyway. "Then what's the good of getting him arrested?"

"Why, don't you see? The guy's got quicky a record, all right, and when he's been arrested the police will look it up. It won't come out in the police-court of did those jewels get into your pocket? course—but the police will inform the

my dear Sir," was his verdict, "I don't see what I can do—except to keep an eye on the young man's movements . . . !"

"A lot of good that will do," I said. "Most of his movements that matter take place outside the precincts of this confounded hotel of yours." And I strode away in dudgeon.

And then, out of the blue as it were, came Seth Stullick to my rescue.

I had run across Stullick once in a professional matter, and I knew him at best for a soldier of fortune, at worst for a bit of a crook.

All the same he had struck me as being, in his way, and apart from his natural crookedness, a good-hearted and kindly man. Furthermore, knowing that he would do most things for money, I was pretty sure that he would help me out of my present trouble.

I made myself known to him, and then, in the privacy of my room and aided by a whisky and soda, I told him the story. When I had finished, he nodded gravely.

"Sure," he said, "you're right enough. I know the guy you mean—I saw him in the vestibule this morning. His lay is to get hold of rich women—usually old ones though—and marry them under a false name. Then he gets a big wad out of them, on some pretext or other, and just fades away. Only sometimes he comes back, and lets 'em know that the marriage was a bigamous one, him having been married about a dozen times before, and soaks 'em for blackmail, so he'll keep it dark."

"The filthy scoundrel!" Thinking of what might happen to Gloria made me emphatic. Stullick shrugged.

"Every man to his trade—though this one wouldn't be mine. Sides, he's usually kept off Americans. I'm an American myself, you know!"

This didn't seem to have much to do with it at the moment, but I discovered later it had quite a lot. Stullick might be a crook, but nationality is thicker than water!

I made my offer, and Stullick nodded, thoughtfully.

"I get you," he said. "Fifty quid if I can show this fellow up for what he really is. Is that it?"

"Yes," said I, and nodded. "But remember, for what he really is. No faking a case, you understand!"

"That's O.K. with me," grinned Stullick. "I guess there won't be no need to fake. Anyway, I'm not saying yes or no as yet—I'll think it over, take a peek at the girl and let you know later. O.K.?"

That evening the Stapletons—and, of course, the "Prince"—dined with me, and Momma wore all her regalia. Stullick occupied the next table, and it seemed to me (rather uncomfortably) that his attention was taken up far more with that wretched necklace than with anything else. However, later in the evening he sought me out, and his expression looked as though he'd been eating something that hadn't agreed with him.

"All right," said he, crisply. "I've seen the dame—in fact I've just seen the pair of 'em, all tied up into a true-lover's knot—and I guess I ain't standing for it. She's a looker, and she's an American—and a sight too good to be a sucker to that hunk of cheese. Now, I've got a plan. You know those sparklers the old woman's got slung round her neck?"

"Right!" Well, I'm going to lift those, and plant them on him. Then we'll show him up, with the swag on him, and get him pinched. Get me . . . ?"

"But hang it!" I protested. "We can't frame the man up like that, and get him sent to prison for a crime he never committed, however big a scoundrel he is!"

"Don't you worry about that," grinned Stullick. "He won't go to the police for pinching those sparklers, anyway."

"Then what's the good of getting him arrested?"

"Why, don't you see? The guy's got quicky a record, all right, and when he's been arrested the police will look it up. It won't come out in the police-court of did those jewels get into your pocket? course—but the police will inform the

Stapletons—and they'll sure believe the police, won't they?"

I agreed that they would, and then saw that his plan was a good one, and said as much.

"There's just one thing," he said. "We shall want the help of the Manager, who seems to be friendly. You see, it won't do for me to be pinched in the act of stealing those sparklers . . . !"

I admitted that it wouldn't, and so we took the Manager into our confidence. He was a trifle doubtful about it at first, but finally agreed to help us.

Stullick, as he said, was a fast worker, and the attempt was planned for the following night. My part in it was simply to arrange that, somehow, Signor Rienza should leave his table for a few minutes during dinner. The one possible snag seemed to be that Momma might wear her necklace, but the occasion not being a special one, she didn't, but contented herself with a mere matter of a dozen rings and half as many bracelets.

I had dinner early, and when Rienza and the Stapletons had sat down to theirs, at the same table, of course, I simply went out and telephoned Rienza at the hotel from a booth just round the corner. When he came I managed to keep him at the telephone for a good five minutes, and finally let him go, under the impression that he had been talking to a madman.

As he went back to his table Stullick, apparently by accident, brushed against him.

I left the booth and strolled back to the Hotel. When I got there, I encountered the Manager, who, I thought, was looking a trifle mystified in the reflection of his office. He seemed pleased at sight of me, and greeted me with:

"Pardon me, Sir, but I wonder if you would be good enough to come to my office for a moment. I think you can be of—er—of assistance to these ladies, whom I believe you know!"

I fell in with the others, and we went to the office. Immediately we got inside, the Manager locked the door, and I was glad to see Rienza turn pale.

"Say," exclaimed Momma, indignantly, "what do you think . . . ?"

But the Manager held up his hand. "One moment, if you please, Madam. You will soon be enlightened. And you, Sir . . ."—he turned sternly on Rienza—"Will you kindly empty your pockets on to my desk here?"

A look of relief crossed Rienza's face, and he smiled his usual toothy smile. "Certainly, of course—why not?"

But he soon saw why not, and his face was a study when he himself pulled that necklace from his pocket and dropped it nervelessly onto the desk.

"Hell! This is a frame . . . !" he started, then remembered himself, and burst into a flood of protests in broken English.

"You can spare your words, my friend," said the Manager, grimly.

He opened the door, and outside stood Stullick and a man who was obviously a plain-clothes officer.

The Manager admitted them, and locked the door once more.

"Now," he said. "It is quite simple. This gentleman"—indicating myself—"first told me that he was suspicious of Mr. Rienza. Therefore I had him watched. To-night he made an excuse to leave the dining-room. A few moments later, this gentleman"—indicating Stullick—"saw him coming from your rooms, Madam, and noted that his manner was furtive and suspicious. Mr. Stullick informed me, and I immediately took action, as you see . . . !"

The ladies looked flabbergasted. Stullick smiled in a self-satisfied way. The detective turned on Rienza:

"Well, any explanation?"

"Er, is damn nonsense. I was call of the telephone!"

"That's quite right," put in Momma

"Easy enough to fake a phone-call," said the detective. "Point, is—how won't come out in the police-court of did those jewels get into your pocket?"

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TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE

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Did they fly there? Got anything to say about that?"

Rienzi hadn't. Furthermore, neither the page who had called him to the phone, or the porter on duty in that part of the vestibule at the time could be found. They had both gone off duty (that was where the Manager helped). So Rienzi was discreetly taken to the police-station, and duly charged. We were all warned to be at the police-court the following morning.

At the hearing the following morning both the porter in the vestibule, and the page were somewhat confused in their evidence. There seemed no doubt that Rienzi had gone to the phone, but also it seemed there might have been time for him to slip upstairs to the first floor and get the jewels. Besides, Stullick's evidence was very clear that he had seen him coming from Mrs. Stapleton's room, and the evidence of the necklace in Rienzi's pocket was even clearer.

Then the Inspector of Police, with whom I (on Stullick's instructions) had been having a chat, said that there might be further charges, and asked for a week's remand in custody, which was granted.

But during that week a number of surprising things happened, and the person concerned who was most surprised was myself. But I kept it to myself.

In the first place Stullick was called to town the following morning, and never came back—he drew £50 from me before he went, though!

Then it was discovered that the necklace found in Rienzi's pocket was a not-very-clever fake. But the real necklace had undoubtedly vanished, and couldn't be found anywhere!

When Rienzi appeared on remand the porter and the pageboy had had time to polish up their recollections, and it seemed clear that Rienzi had not had time to get upstairs. Also Stullick did not appear to give his evidence. But the fact of that necklace being in his pocket could still not be explained. However, there was a doubt, and Rienzi got the benefit of it.

But it didn't do him much good, because he was immediately re-arrested on a charge of double-bigamy, and what the Inspector told Momma about his record later made that lady turn scarlet. And she and Gloria, of course, were furious with me because I had warned the Manager about the scoundrel, and yet had never said one word to them. They could not understand my reasons, and our friendship abruptly terminated.

The necklace was never found, and I have never shown to anyone the note I later received from Stullick:

"Well, (he wrote), we have put the stopper on his little game. I have to thank you for, in addition to the welcome £50, being of so much assistance to me in getting hold of that necklace. Actually I had come down there for it, and when I heard your trouble I saw a chance of helping you and myself at the same time—which I did. Gratefully—

S.S.

P.S.—This is called 'killing two birds with one stone!'

QUIET DAY ON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, To-day.

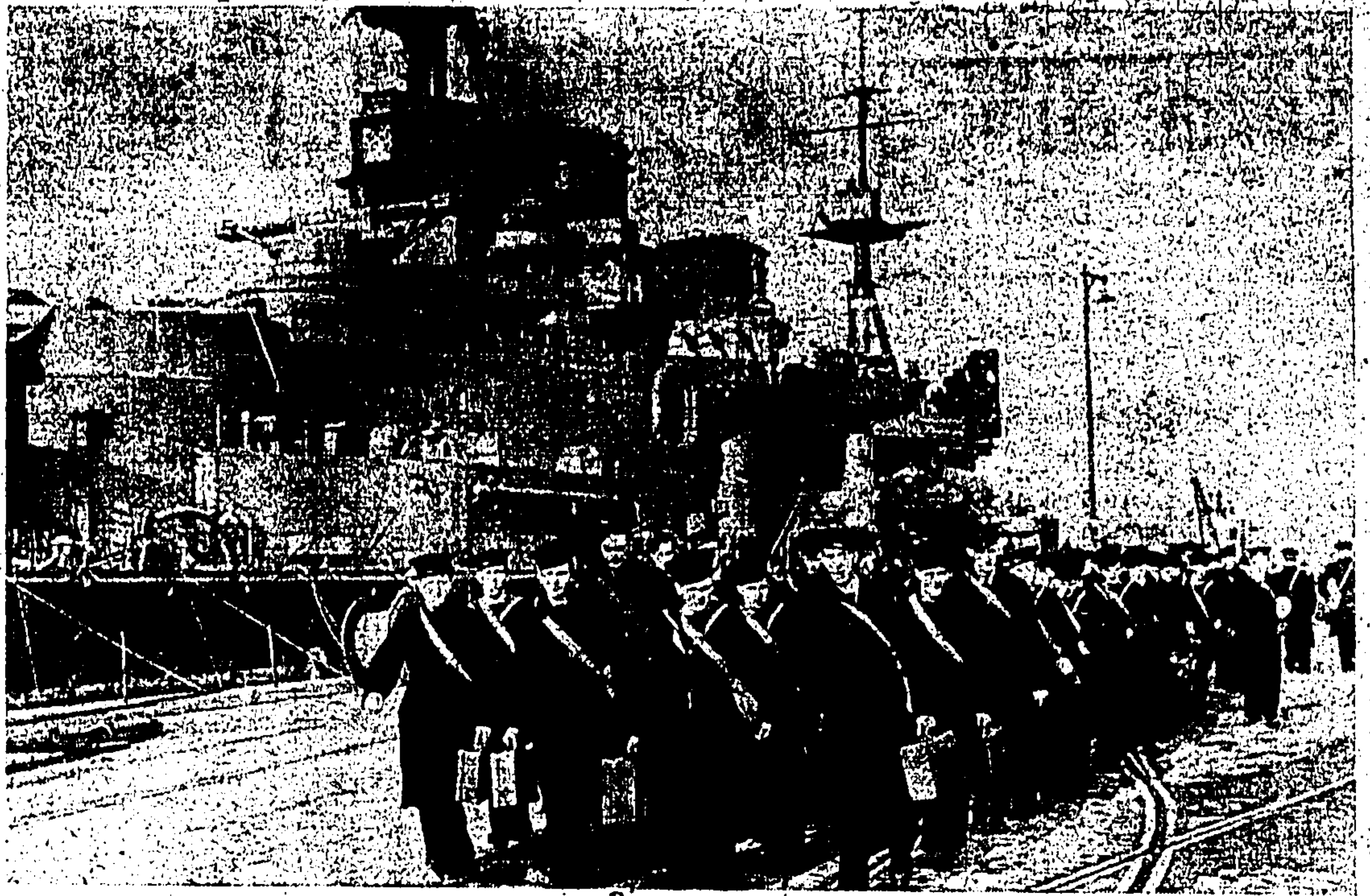
Business generally was quiet on the Stock Exchange yesterday owing to the luncheon by the Stock Exchange Committee to the officers of H.M.S. Exeter and Ajax.

Gilt-edged securities initially eased but later rallied; home rails were stronger; industrials were mainly easier but shipping shares were firm. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

FRENCH CAMERAMAN KILLED

Paris, To-day.

A French cameraman has been killed and two others wounded whilst on duty with a patrol.—Reuter.



H.M.S. REPULSE HOME—After a spell of duty of one hundred and thirty days during which the Germans stated that she had been attacked and sunk, H.M.S. Repulse has returned to a Home Port for re-fuelling and to give her crew a well-earned spell of shore leave. Photo shows members of the First Watch leaving the ship for leave. (Copyright, Fox).

TSAR'S GRANDSON ASKS TO JOIN UP

A grandson of Tsar Alexander II of Russia, Prince Alexandre Yourievsky, of Heighington House, Heighington, County Durham, was refused a discharge from bankruptcy by Judge Gamon at Stockton-on-Tees County Court.

It was stated that no dividend had been paid to unsecured creditors. Prince Yourievsky was described as being of independent means and his age was given as thirty-nine.

Prince Yourievsky said there were two reasons why he was making the application. Firstly, he wanted to take out naturalisation papers and secondly, if he secured his discharge he might get a commission in the British Army.

Judge Gamon said the Official Receiver had reported that debtor was a beneficiary under an important succession in Russia.

He suggested that Prince Yourievsky should get in touch with his agent to see what the position was in regard to the succession.

Prince Yourievsky: It means I will never get my discharge.

He said he had lived in England so long now that he wanted to do his bit.

The Judge said that Prince Yourievsky, who was adjudicated bankrupt in 1932 with £621 liabilities and £32 assets, could apply again in two years.

Mrs. Moss of No. 5, Cameron Road, has reported a robbery at her residence early yesterday morning.



Frowny Kate says when a man gets thoughtful he generally needs waking up.

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATED IN H.K.

Over 3,000 Chinese women and school-girls, assembled at the South China Athletic Association ground, Caroline Hill at 9 a.m. to-day, when a mass meeting was held in celebration of Women's Day.

Speeches were made by several representatives stressing the duty not only of China's but of the world's womanhood to-day.

Mrs. Rose Tan was Chairman of the Committee in charge of the arrangements.

PAYMENT IN KIND

Washington, To-day.

It is understood the United States may take part payment for the \$20,000,000 loan to China in the form of shipments of tin from Yunnan province.—Reuter.

ERROR IN AN ACCIDENT

Shanghai, To-day.

Sergeant J. Campbell, of the Seaforth Highlanders football team, was not injured in a motor-cycle accident as previously reported, says the "Shanghai Times" this morning.

His identity was confused with Sergeant George Campbell, of the Motor Transport Company, who was injured.

J. Campbell was not in the accident and is continuing his football career.—Reuter.

JEWS DEMONSTRATE

Jerusalem, To-day.

Demonstrations by Jews in Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel-Aviv occurred yesterday without serious incident.—Reuter.

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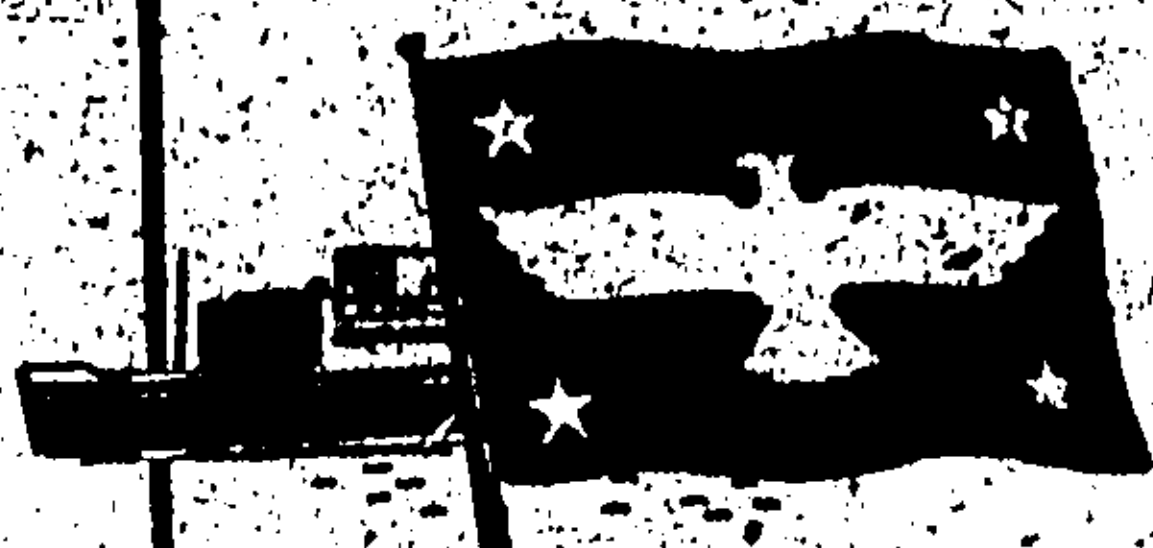
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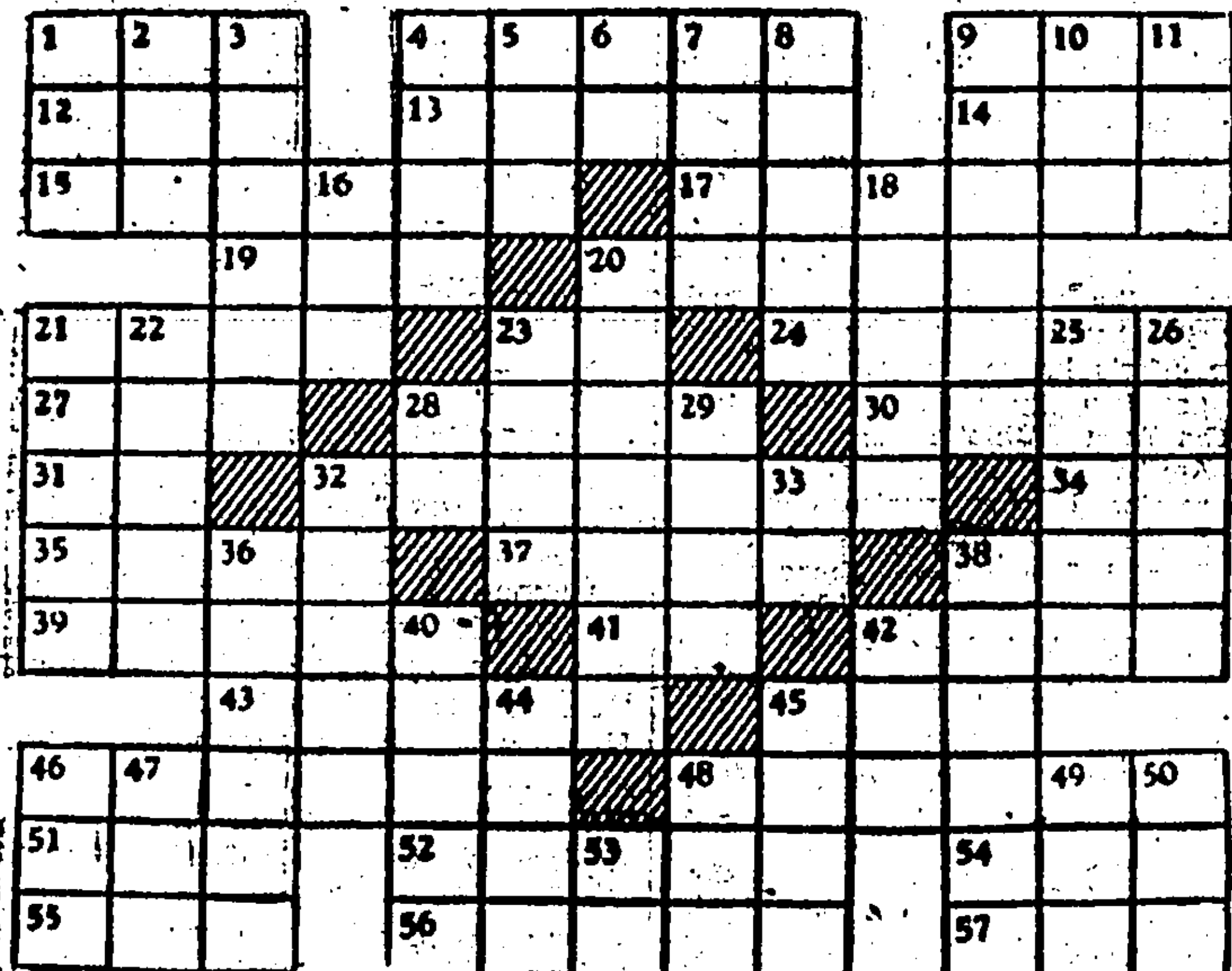
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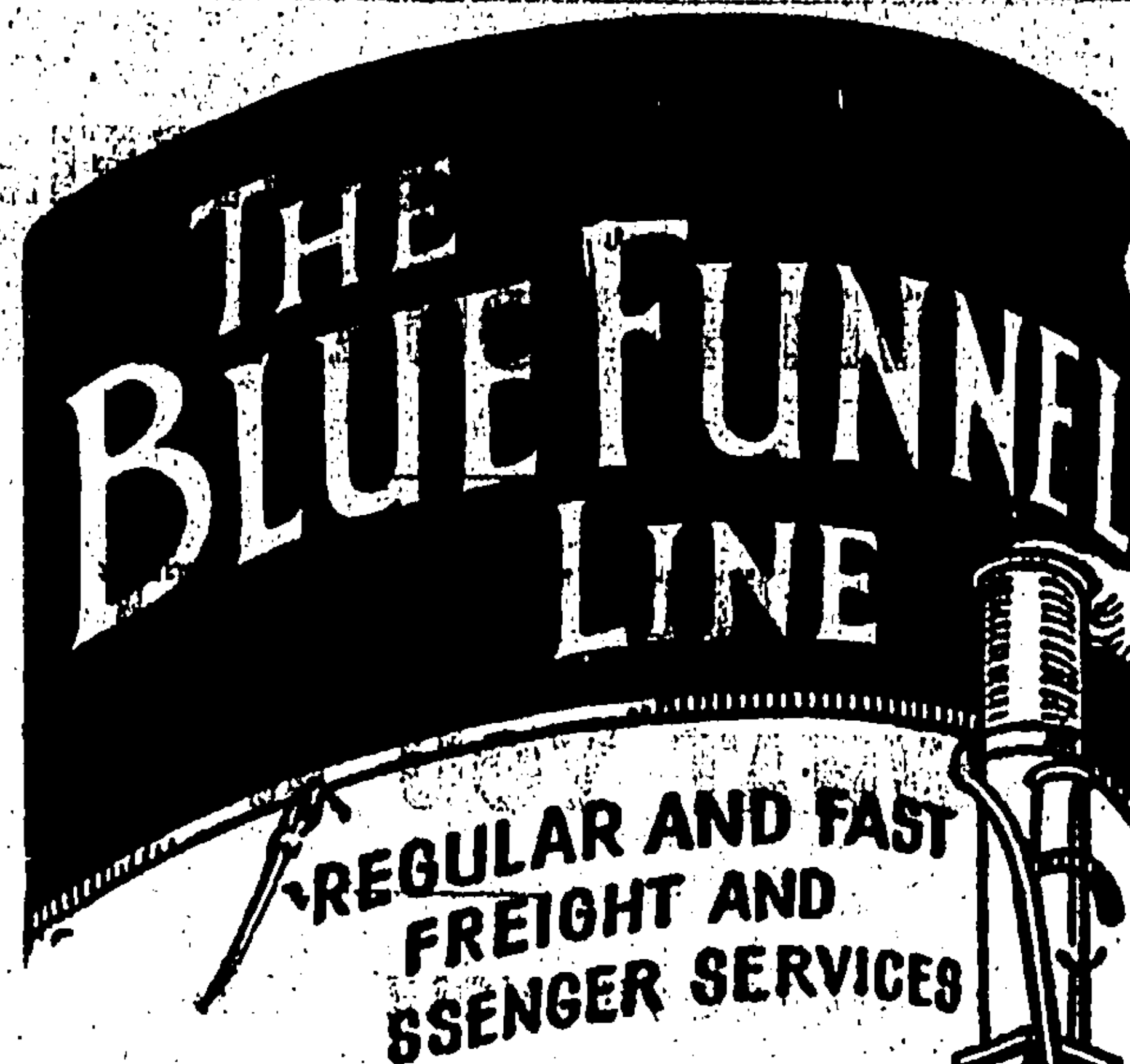
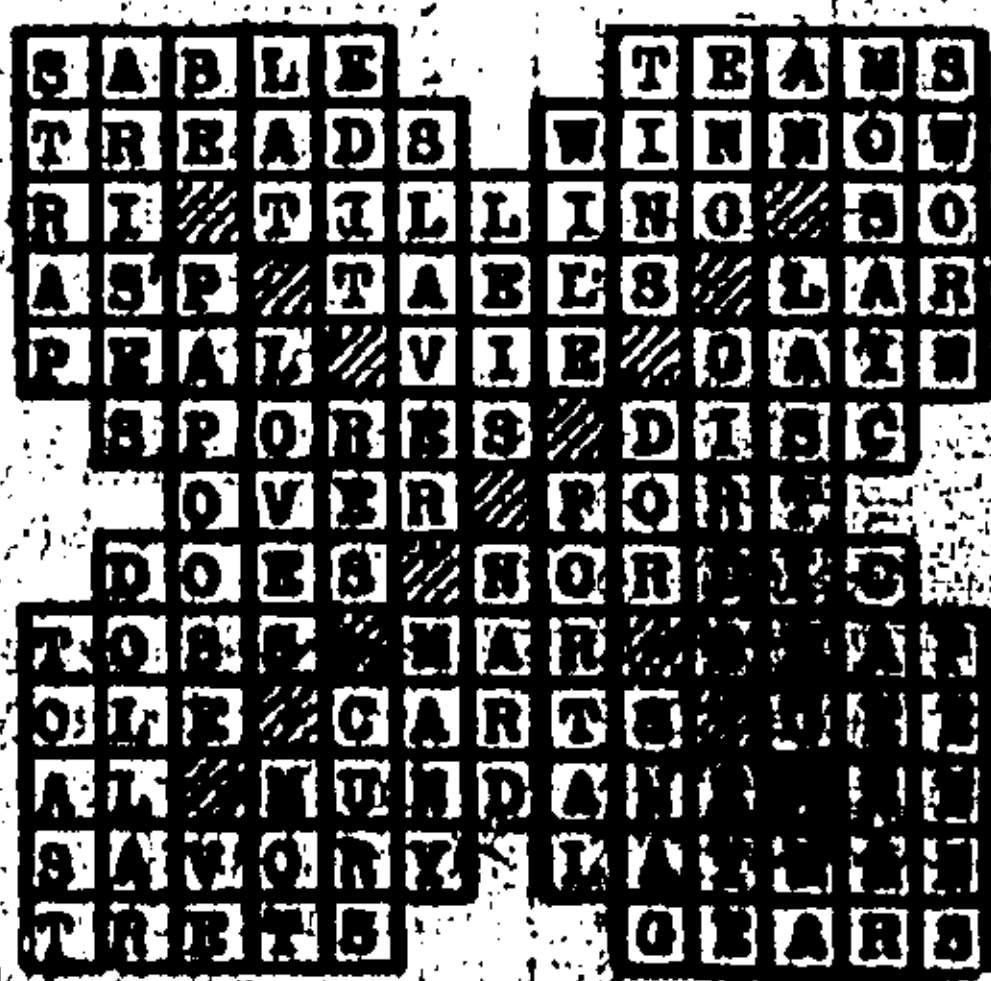
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- Food fish
 - Pens
 - Article
 - Part of "to be"
 - To fish
 - Kind of meat
 - To pay
 - Part of menu (pl.)
 - Record
 - Mercenary
 - To boil
 - To exist
 - English river
 - Pronoun
 - Failure
 - To increase
 - Preposition
 - Standard
 - Egyptian god
 - Lasso
 - Withered
 - Fish limb
 - Hackneyed
 - French article
 - Dross
 - Tears
 - Welsh river
 - Card game

- More difficult
- Conjunction
- Boredom
- Turn right
- Neighbourhood
- Hindu peasants
- Rather than

- VERTICAL**
- Unchivalrous person
 - Swedish money
 - More skillful
 - To pierce
 - To endeavour
 - Butterfly
 - Otherwise

- To lean
- Old German coin
- Possessed
- Type measure (pl.)
- Unprepared
- Immense
- Ships
- Garment
- Purport
- Prejudice
- Waterwheel
- Nasal sound
- Pronoun
- Confident
- Measuring device
- Note of scale
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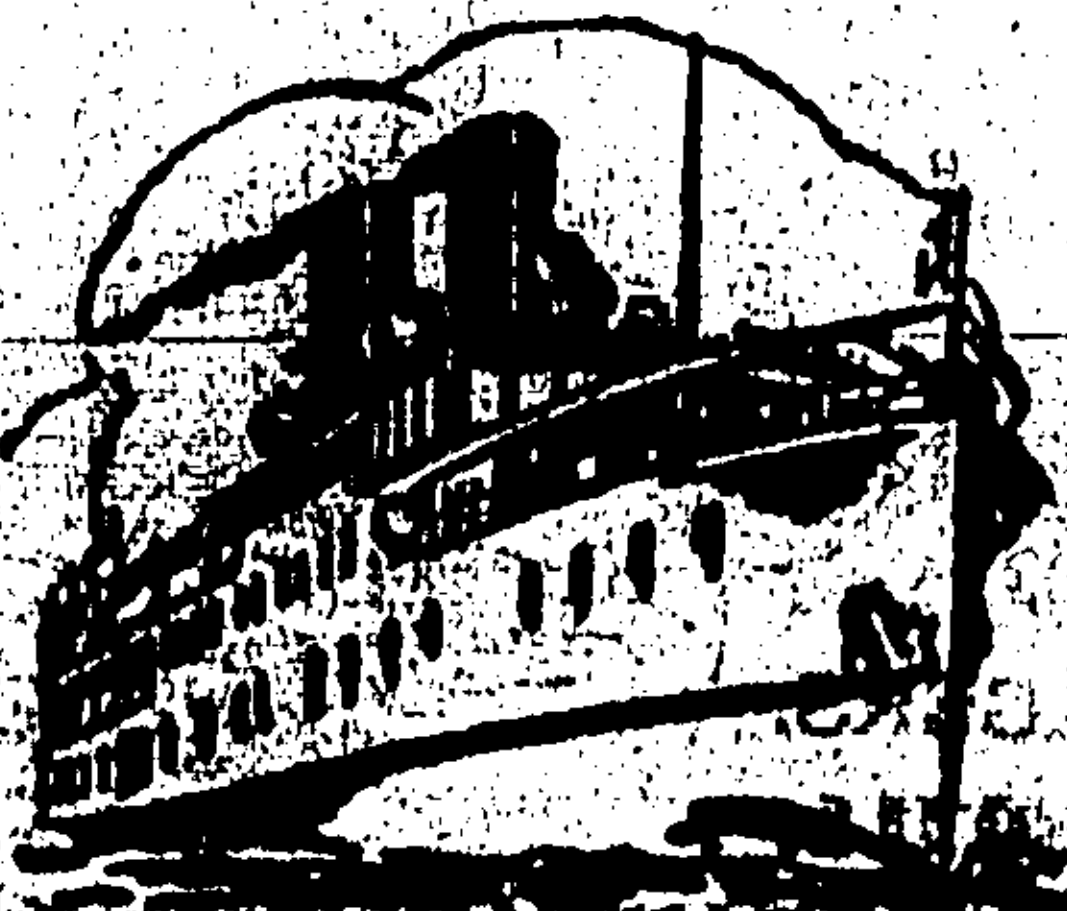
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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADY")

THE R.E.'s are very much in the news nowadays with their achievements in the field of sport, their Rugby team having already won the Army Rugby League and distinguished themselves by entering the final of the Army seven-a-side tournament which is being played off on Monday on Club ground. It will be a worthy feat if they can accomplish the double. The Royals will have something to say about that, however, as they are also in the final and actually, on paper, appear the better team.

Another double in which the R.E.'s are concerned is the Second Division football championship, and Junior Shield competition. The Second Division championship is decided on two games between the winners of "A" and "B" sections of this League. These were R.E.'s and S. China "A".

Strangely enough the team which the R.E.'s meet in the semi-final of the Junior Shield is also S. China "A" and it will be very interesting to see the result of the next two games between these two teams.

The Junior Shield match is on Saturday and the R.E.'s Third Division team have asked permission for their match with the Signals on this day to be postponed until Sunday so that they can turn out and give full vocal support to their seniors. All things being equal I'm convinced the R.E.'s can win this match provided they can get going—and keep going the full 90 minutes.

YET another avenue of Sport in which this Unit is prominent is the Small Units K. O. Cricket Competition. They earned the right to meet "B" Coy M/X in the semi-final by a smashing win over R.A.S.C. on Tuesday last. Sgt. Shipp slammed everything within his reach to make a brilliant 131 not out and place his team in an almost unassailable position. R.A.S.C. could do nothing against the bowling of Denyer and Major Parsons and only registered 40; one of these days when nothing goes right evidently! The other semi-finalists will be the Signals v R.A.O.C., or R.A. Lyemun.

There is one thing the R.E.'s will not win, however, and that is the Inter-Unit Cross Country run; reason, is that they have not entered for it, a fact which under the circumstances other Units must be rather thankful for. Final list of entries for this run, which takes place on Tuesday at 3 p.m. is as follows:—8th Hvy. Rgt. R.A., 1st Btn., Kumaon Rifles, 1st Btn., M/X., 5th A.A. Rgt., H.K.S.R.A., 12th Hvy. Rgt., 5/6th Raj/Rifles, 2nd R. Scots and R. Signals. The course is about 5½ miles and commences and finishes at the Polo Ground, Kowloon. This event was won last year by the Kumaons by a margin of 159 points and the first three placings were Ahmed Khan, H.K.S.R.A., Sher Singh (12353) and Sher Singh (13159). British ranks were not to the fore and, it will be interesting to see whether the recent advent of newcomers to various Units will improve the placings in this respect. I'm glad to see the Signals upholding the honour of the Small Units may their efforts be rewarded.

There are two Inter-Unit events next month. The Area Athletic meeting takes place on April 23, 24, and 25 and competitors are reminded that entries close on March 23. The Inter-Unit Boxing is scheduled for April 2, 3, and 4 both these events need strenuous preparation. The prizes will undoubtedly go to those who have

trained and prepared in a thorough manner.

THE Small Units' Rugby is in the second half of the fixture list and the placings at present are:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	5	4	1	0	9
24th Bty. R.A.	4	2	2	0	4
R. Signals	4	2	2	0	4
R.A.S.C.	3	0	3	0	0

R.A.M.C. have only to beat the R.A.S.C. to be assured of the championship. R.A.S.C. have improved tremendously of late and in their remaining fixtures will be assisted by the inclusion of a few players from R.A.O.C., this having been sportingly agreed upon by the other Units owing to the difficulties R.A.S.C. are experiencing in turning out a team.

R.A.M.C. achieved their present position by defeating the Signals on Wednesday by the hefty score of 14 points to nil. Signals did not play nearly so well as in the first encounter with the Medicals and this may be due to the fact that Lt. Crawford was unable to play owing to an injury sustained in this first game. Medicals, however, played very well indeed and the fact that they made full use of their three-quarters led to their success.

Lt. Coombes, Whybro and MacDonald were always prominent with their fine runs, whereas the Signals very rarely even got the ball back to the three-quarters. The only time this division of the Signals got the ball was from the loose and on these occasions the Medicals were too close for them to carry out a successful movement.

Morgan, Willis, Bedford and Wallwork were conspicuous for the Signals, especially the former, who worked like a nigger throughout and had particular hard luck for a try on one occasion when he was brought down just preparatory to going over. The resulting penalty goal was not converted. Medicals scored their tries through Mohan, MacDonald and Coombes. The latter also scored a penalty goal and converted one try. Apart from those mentioned, Morgan and Minney were prominent for the Medicals, the former's kicking being a feature of the game.

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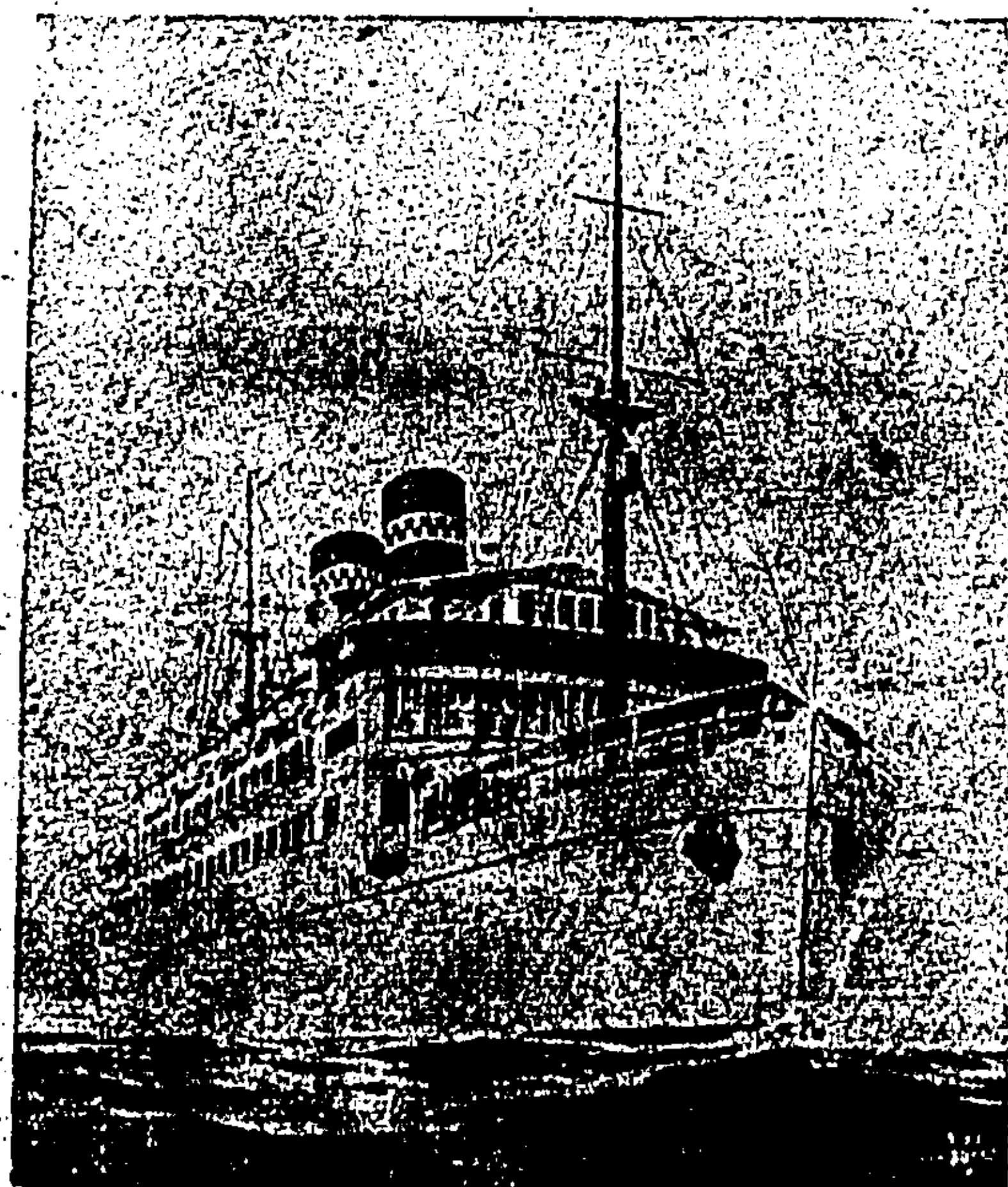
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GRIFFINS EVENT BETWEEN POSSIBLE AND DUPONT BAY

(By "RAPIER")

INTEREST IN LOCAL RACING will henceforth be confined to the extra race meetings, the first of which will be held to-morrow at the Valley, when the first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. Nine events are on the programme and the majority of these are specially reserved for ponies that have not won a race during the recent Annual Meeting.

All the visiting jockeys have returned North, thus once again leaving the local jockeys to themselves.

The track is still very fast and its hard surface should produce some good times, although it is not anticipated that any records will fall to-morrow.

RACE NO. 1.—HAY AND CORN STAKES: FROM THE 1½ MILE POST

The programme opens with a race for Novice Jockeys, who will be given mounts on China ponies. Subscription griffins of any season that have started at a race meeting of this Club since February 16 and have not won. Among the ponies entered, I don't think we need look further than Golden Cow (Mr. Chiu Ki Fan). Portrush (Mr. K. W. Fung). Rose Evelyn (Mr. G. Treverton). Wilber (Mr. Ho Hong-ping) to provide the winner.

In the Governor's Cup, over a mile, on the fourth day of the Annual Meeting, Rose Evelyn ran second to King Kong, and as to-morrow's event will only be a sprint affair I think Rose Evelyn, which is noted for its speed, should win unless Mr. Treverton experiences difficulty in getting it away from the gate. It must be remembered that Rose Evelyn is not too easy a pony to handle, especially at the starting barrier.

There is, of course, Portrush to be considered, and it will be racing under the colours of Dr. Lee Shiu Kee for the first time. This pony came third to Bressay in the Taiping Handicap (second section) on the last day of the Annual Meeting and, as it is also a sprinter, I expect to see it fairly near at the finish. Golden Cow and Wilber are also fast over short distances, and they are both capable of upsetting calculations.

I am, however, inclined to nominate Rose Evelyn to win with Portrush second and Wilber third, leaving Golden Cow as the outsider.

RACE NO. 2.—LOITERERS STAKES: SIX FURLONGS

Twenty-three non-winning griffins of this season have entered for this event and, judging from performances during the Annual Meeting, I shall not be far wrong in stating that the finish will be fought out between Dupont Bay (Mr. D. Black).

Johnber (Mr. L. B. Chao). Possible (Mr. Tang Man Wa). White Diamond (Mr. H. C. Pih).

Possible came in third to Spiclight in the Maiden Stakes, and on that performance I fancy it to win. Dupont Bay is dangerous—this pony seems to improve with every outing, and its chance of winning here is highly thought of by its stable connections in view of its third placing over a mile in the Griffins Spring Handicap. White Diamond may find the distance a little too long, but in Johnber we have a pony that may do well with a change of jockey, and it is quite likely to cause an upset.

RACE NO. 3.—RANDWICK PLATE (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE.

In this event, for Australian ponies of this season that have not won a

race at the Annual Meeting, the result will probably be fought out between Ascot Day (Mr. L. B. Chao).

Vanity Fair (Mr. Ip Kui Ying). Ascot Day came in second in the Flemington Plate, from the 1½ Mile post, on the fifth day of the Annual Meeting, and a win is indicated here, but it will have to give of its best to beat Vanity Fair this time as the latter suffered from a bad start when they last met. For the third position a keen struggle should ensue between Franklin (Mr. Liang) and Pumelo (Mr. Proulx).

RACE NO. 4.—HONG KONG HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): 1¼ MILES.

In this race for China ponies that have started at a Race Meeting of this Club since February 16 and have not won, I believe Galaxy (Mr. Chao), in view of its second placing behind Bear Claw in the Ichang Handicap (First Section) should win in spite of a penalty of 6 lbs., which it is quite capable of handling. Red Feather (Mr. Wei), which was third, half a length behind, in the same race, is up by 1 lb. and as the distance is slightly longer it may reverse its last defeat.

Rob Roy (Mr. Encarnacao) is also in the race as the pony is very lightly treated, and for that reason it should not be disregarded. Avon (Mr. D. Black) and Rose Emily (Mr. W. G. Poy) have been given 140 lbs. to carry, and either one of them could cause an upset.

I nominate Galaxy to win with Red Feather second and Rob Roy third.

RACE NO. 5.—MOONIE PONDS HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE.

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," which will be decided on the first section of Australian ponies of any season that have started at a meeting of this Club since February 16, and have not won.

Tornado Star (Mr. S. W. Pan) has been allotted top-weight of 162 lbs. and on that account it can be safely ruled out. After coming in third to Lucky Lad in the Melbourne Cup, over 1¼ miles, Devonian (Mr. Black) certainly appears to have the best recommendation for a win here, but I expect it to receive stiff opposition from Criffel (Mr. V. V. Needa), which ran second in the Bendigo Handicap over six furlongs.

Winifred (Mr. Pih) has been knocking at the door of success for a long period, and, with only 135 lbs. to carry to-morrow, it is quite possible that it may spring a surprise in this race. Triumphant Day, with Mr. Tao up, is another candidate capable of extending the above ponies.

I expect to see Devonian winning with Criffel and Winifred fighting out the second position.

RACE NO. 6.—HONG KONG HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): 1¼ MILES.

The second lot of China ponies that have started at a meeting of this Club since February 16, and have not won will figure in this event, and among

the entries I expect one of the following to be the winner:—

Expansion Time (Mr. P. Y. T. Wei). Gladiator (Mr. H. J. A. Hearne). Jobber (Mr. L. B. Chao). Potentate (Mr. C. Encarnacao).

Expansion Time dead-heated with Potentate for second position in the Ichang Handicap (second section) over the two mile post distance. They have, however, both been penalised 6 lbs. and, in view of the longer distance, which is more in favour of Expansion Time, I think the Li Po-chun candidate should win. Gladiator, with only 140 lbs. to carry, looks most tempting, and if it can only show some of its old form it will be hard to beat.

Jobber, with Mr. Chao up, should also be in the running if it is allowed to take a big lead, as the pony is quite capable of lasting out the distance.

My choice is Expansion Time to win, with Potentate second and Gladiator third.

RACE NO. 7.—RANDWICK PLATE (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE.

Those who succeed in making the right choice in the first leg of the "Daily Double" should not experience much difficulty in making the right connection in this race, which is confined to Australian ponies of this season that have started at a meeting this year of this Club and have not won. It will be recalled that in the Blue Mountains Plate over 1¼ miles, Albury (Mr. Encarnacao), although beaten into third position, put up a grand performance against Viceroy and Vanity Fair respectively. In view of the opposition to-morrow, I am confident that Albury will win, thus scoring its first victory for Mrs. Eu Tong Sen. Sea Jay (Mr. Proulx) should fill second place, and Spring Shine (Mr. Chao) should account for the other minor position. As an outsider, I suggest Busylight (Mr. Hearne).

RACE NO. 8.—ALL OUT STAKES: SIX FURLONGS

This race is confined to non-winning China ponies, weight per inches, that have started since February 16 and have not won with a proviso that Griffins of this season and ponies classified "A" and "B" classes are barred. Boolat Bay (Mr. Gram) carried 168 lbs. when it lost to National Pride in the Soochow Handicap (first section) over six furlongs at the Annual Meeting. To-morrow it will be ridden by Mr. Tao and will be carrying 161 lbs., and in the absence of National Pride should have no difficulty in winning. The only danger comes from Rose-Queen, if taken out by Mr. Encarnacao, otherwise I cannot see anything to touch it. Galveston Bay (Mr. Hearne) cannot expect to do better than fill third place, and for those who are on the lookout for an outsider I suggest Commencement Bay (Mr. Liang), which is very fit at the moment.

RACE NO. 9.—MOONIE PONDS HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE.

This is the final event of the day and the second section of Australian ponies of any season that have started at the Annual Meeting and not won will try conclusions here. Looking at the entries, I cannot see anything to give Happy Landings (Mr. Davis) a fight after its performance in coming second in the Ladies' Purse, with the exception of A. Roaring Time, which ran poorly in this race, though this should not be taken as any indication of the pony's form as it was then carrying 165 lbs.

Pumpnickel (Mr. Proulx) has been disappointing in its last two outings so that I cannot feel confident of its ability to beat Happy Landings. Rising Star (Mr. Pan) is another good pony to bear in mind as an outsider, as it is carrying only 137 lbs.

I nominate Happy Landings to win with A. Roaring Time second and Pumpnickel third.



ARMY CRICKET

EMBERSON AND BARSBY BOWL WELL

Playing in Sookunpoo, Royal Army Ordnance Corps beat 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery by 7 wickets in the Army Small Units Knock-out cricket competition yesterday.

Bowlers had a good afternoon and only 124 runs were scored.

5th. A.A. Regiment, batting first, fared poorly against Boocock and Emberson and were all out for 36, to which total, 2/Lt. Plummer made 11 and Gnr. Dobbins 12.

Boocock and Emberson bowled unchanged, the former taking 4 for 24 and the latter 6 for 12.

For the Gunners, Barsby bowled very well to take 6 for 26, while McCamley took 3 for 2.

5TH A.A. REGIMENT				
2nd/Lt. Plummer, l.b.w.	b Boocock	11		
Capt. Ingram, c Plnder, b Emberson		2		
Gnr. Dobbins, b Boocock		12		
Sgt. Morgan, c Jeffrey, b Emberson		0		
Gnr. Barsby, b Emberson		3		
L/Bdr. McCamley, c Plnder, b Boocock		5		
Gnr. Manly, b Emberson		0		
Bdr. Amos, b Emberson		0		
Gnr. Mayers, not out		1		
Gnr. Martin, b Emberson		0		
Gnr. Braddick, b Boocock		2		
Total			36	

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Boocock	5	0	24	4
Emberson	6	1	12	6

R.A.O.C.				
Capt. Bridge, b Barsby		0		
S/Cdr. Gardner, c Martin, b Barsby		30		
Cpl. Boocock, b Barsby		2		
S/Sgt. Meekings, c Morgan, b Barsby		3		
S/Sgt. Munton, b Barsby		24		
Pte. Reynolds, run out		1		
Cpl. Jeffrey, l.b.w., b McCamley		6		
S/Sgt. Emberson, c Dobbins, b Mayers		0		
Pte. Roberts, b McCamley		0		
Pte. Plnder, not out		1		
Pte. Pennington, c and b McCamley		6		
Extras (B10, LB4, WB1)		15		
Total			88	

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Barsby	7	1	26	6
Dobbins	3	0	14	0
Plummer	4	0	26	0
McCamley	2	1	2	3
Mayers	1	0	5	1

ARMY CRICKET XI

Following will represent Army against Civil Service Cricket Club at Happy Valley on Saturday:—Capt. J. F. Lawrence (Captain), Brigadier T. MacLeod, Major J. E. Swyer, Lieut. A. W. F. Peal, Lieut. B. A. Fergus, S/Cdr. Gardner, Cpl. Bount, Cpl. Boocock, Pte. Emerson, Pte. Hatfield and Gnr. Barsby.

ANNUAL MARATHON RACE

One of the major events in local athletics—the annual marathon race under the auspices of St. Andrew's Club—will take place on Friday, March 29.

This race, which is over the usual course of about 6¼ miles, is open to all Europeans and, as a rule, attracts a large entry.

Entry forms have now been circulated and those interested are asked to communicate with Mr. M. M. Davies, S.C.E. Dept., H.M. Naval Yard, who will be able to supply these forms and any particulars desired. Entries, which must be accompanied by an entrance fee of \$1, should be sent in by March 25.

For the information of newcomers to the Colony, the course is as follows:—Leave St. Andrew's Church at 5 p.m. sharp; proceed along Nathan Road to Waterloo Road; turn up Waterloo Road as far as Prince Edward Road; proceed up Prince Edward Road to Tam Kung Road; along Tam Kung Road to Nathan Road via Bulkeley Street, Chatham Road and Salisbury Road, finishing in front of the Church.

COLONY TENNIS

KEEN STRUGGLE IN LENGTHY DOUBLES TIE

Tsoi, Ng Play Well; Beaten By Gonsalves, Remedios

TENNIE KWOK THROUGH AFTER HARD FIGHT

(By "ADREM")

IN EASILY the most entertaining match seen in the Colony tennis tournament to date John Gonsalves and A. V. Remedios, of Club de Recreio, yesterday beat Ng Kam-chuen and Tsoi Ping-fan after losing a prolonged first set.

Although a great number of errors were committed by both sides the exchanges were generally fast with hard hitting the order of the day.

TENNIS SCORES AT A GLANCE

OPEN SINGLES
Tennie Kwok beat I. M. A. Razack by 7-5, 5-7, 7-5.
Tsui Wai-pui beat I. Agafuroff, 6-2, 6-4.
H. D. Rumjahn beat Firdos Khan, 6-1, 6-1.
S. A. Rumjahn beat B. C. Fay, 6-1, 6-4.

OPEN DOUBLES
J. Gonsalves and A. V. Remedios beat Ng Kam-chuen and Tsui Ping-fan by 8-6, 6-4, 6-1.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
S. M. Garrard beat T. A. Pearce by 6-8, 6-4, 6-4.
R. G. Biesel Jr. beat J. L. C. Pearce by 6-1, 2-6, 6-4.
C. H. R. Hyde beat T. J. Gould by 5-7, 6-1, 10-8.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

OPEN SINGLES
Lam Kwan v J. W. Leonard (2).
A. Crawford v Ip Koon-hung (3).
P. S. Leong v S. A. Gray (4).
Paul Kong v J. S. Theobald (5).
W. C. Hung v T. C. Chan (7).

OPEN DOUBLES
Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v S. A. Hussain and O. Rumjahn (8).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
C. B. Nicholson v G. W. Sewell (1).

F.A. TEAM FOR GOVERNOR'S CUP

The following have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Football Association in the second game of Governor's Cup competition at Caroline Hill at 4 p.m. on Sunday March 17.

Robinson (Navy); Blackburn (Police); O'Regan (Navy); Bright (Middlesex); Williamson (Kowloon); Wilkinson (Middlesex); Hossack (Royal Scots); Fox (R.E.); F. Fowler (Club); A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's); Bickford (Club).

Reserves:—Sheehan (Middlesex), Forrow (Club) and Guy (R.A.); B. Gosano (St. Joseph's); W. G. Pryde (Club) and Thomas (Middlesex).

A win or draw for the Federation team will give them the cup, while if Association win a third game will be necessary.

PLAYERS SUSPENDED

At an Emergency Committee meeting H. Millington and Ho Yau-kee, Club and Kitchie, respectively, who were given marching orders during their second division match on February 10, were suspended until December 31.

The Final of the Sunday Herald Charity Cup Competition between China, holders, and Scotland will be played on Easter Monday, March 25 at Sookunpoo.

Mrs. G. C. Burnett will present the trophy and miniatures to the winning team at the conclusion of the game.

The First Division football match between Royal Scots and St. Joseph's for to-morrow has been postponed owing to Volunteer Camps.

First set was as even as the scores indicate, although the Chinese couple, combining better and making fewer mistakes, were always a shade better. Result was, Gonsalves and Remedios were forced to extricate themselves from several awkward situation.

One such situation occurred in the 10th game with the Chinese leading 5-4 and Remedios serving. The score was love-40. Playing steadily, however, and making the most of his service, Remedios, ably assisted by Gonsalves, saved the three set points, eventually to win the game and square the issue.

Thereafter games went with service until in the 18th the Chinese broke through on Gonsalves' service to go out at 10-8.

GOOD START

The Recreio pair started well in the second set and won the first three games after a struggle. They dropped the next, won the following, and then started a Chinese run of success during which the Recreio players appeared to have shot their bolt. They were caught out of position on numerous occasions through complete misunderstanding and appeared to become worried in consequence.

Gonsalves, however, made no mistake with his service in the eighth game to lead 5-3 and although the Chinese won the next game, that was as far as they got.

In the last set the Portuguese, by now brimful of confidence, could not be stopped and, taking the initiative throughout, went out for the set and match for the loss of only one game.

TSOI STEADY

Steadiest player on the court yesterday was Tsui Ping-fan. He never indulged in the spectacular but made full use of any openings which came his way. His was a good all round display.

Ng's best shot was a fierce forehand drive, which, when not hit out of court was almost invariably a winner. His service was also very good.

In brief there was nothing very much wrong with the play of either of the losing players and the only reason I can think of for their defeat is that the lengthy first set took all the fire out of them.

Although they deserve full marks for their win, there was far more in Gonsalves' and Remedios' play which was open to criticism. Principal is that as a combination they were very poor.

Remedios was a strange mixture of brilliance and mediocrity. He would play a series of dazzling shots, and then place the simplest of "kills" into the net. His best stroke was his forehand drive with which he returned service to the opposing server's backhand tramlines and corner with unfailing regularity. His volleys, when he timed them right, were piercing. Overhead he was on the weak side.

COULD NOT VOLLEY

Gonsalves experienced some unhappy moments in the first two sets when he hit everything on the volley out of court almost unfailingly. He was generally good overhead, his angled smashing of loose balls being impressive.

Off the ground he was sound on both wings but his greatest failing lay in his extraordinarily poor positioning.

For a player of his experience he showed a surprising lack of knowledge of the doubles game and I think this factor as much as anything, contributed to Remedios' many lapses.

There was another grim struggle in the singles, Tennie Kwok only just managing to beat the stylish I. M. A. Razack in the third set. All the sets went to 12 games.

Tsui Wai-pui, H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn all won their matches easily, but a large crowd were very interested in the form of B. C. Fay against the latter. Fay is a long way from being a champion, and has evidently little experience of tournament play, but he has the makings of a first-class player. His style is very easy and his strokes nicely made, while his service is the nearest approach to the cannon-ball variety in the Colony. At the moment he appears to lack sufficient concentration.

A notable result in the Club championship was the defeat of T. A. Pearce by S. M. Garrard in a hard-fought encounter.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

An interesting friendly five-game Ten Pin match was played on February 29, between our old friends of the Mindanao and the Alley Team.

The occasion was a return match between these two teams, the first match having been played on February 19, and resulting in a win for the Alley Team by 104 pins.

On this occasion, Mindanao took their revenge by beating the Alley Team by 88 pins, although it had been the consensus of opinion that the Alley Team must win.

The individual scores were as follows:—
MINDANAO
D. M. Keplinger...870
F. P. Hollis...786
J. P. Todd...749
J. C. Thomas...695

ALLEY TEAM
J. H. Watts...831
J. S. Landolt...771
G. Somerville...637
J. R. Fawcett...661
A. Devonshire...112

Fawcett was unable to play the first game, and A. Devonshire deputised, Fawcett carrying on in the next four games.

The surprising feature about this match was the absence of one single 200 score.

KEPLINGER'S SCORE

The highest score of the match was recorded by D. M. Keplinger with 870 or an average of 174 pins per game, with J. H. Watts second with 831 or an average of 166 pins per game.

One of the surprising features of the match was Hollis' lapse in his fourth game, he only notched 113, and, judging by the friendly comments made, both by team mates and opponents alike, he must have been a very much embarrassed player! I do not ever remember Hollis making such a low score. Mindanao, however, won and they well deserved their win. Had Fawcett played the whole five games it might have balanced the scores somewhat.

ANOTHER KEEN MATCH

Again on March 3, there was a keen and interesting match between the Alley Team and Asheville—the first time these teams have met. Our old friend Joe Harvey could not turn out for this match, being on duty, neither could Cunningham, but W. E. Wood and H. T. McCulley deputised. Devonshire deputised for J. R. Fawcett in the Alley Team. The Alley Team won convincingly by no fewer than 411 pins, but nevertheless it was a very enjoyable game to watch.

Individual scores were:—
ALLEY TEAM
H. Blount...842
J. H. Watts...842
J. S. Landolt...786
A. Devonshire...707

ASHEVILLE
W. J. Balaski...722
W. E. Wood...718
H. T. McCulley...679
M. O. Gray...647

In this match there was not one score of 200 or over. H. Blount and J. H. Watts tied for highest score with 842 each or an average of 169 pins per game and Joe Landolt followed up very closely for second highest with 786 or 157 pins per game. Devonshire did very well for his first three games but faded away on his fourth and fifth games, only making 108 on his fourth and 120 on his fifth.

The Asheville team, as can be seen by the scores, did not do at all well, as a matter of fact they never at any time throughout the match seemed to be comfortable. W. J. Balaski was their top scorer with 722, or an average of 144 per game, and W. E. Wood scored 718, or an average of 143 per game. I have seen the same players do much better than this.

On March 5, the night of the Black-out, an occasion was taken to arrange a friendly match during the Black-out. The Champs turned out in full force, but, owing to the impromptu arrangements, the Alley Team were without two of their best players, Fawcett and Landolt. Somerville and Balaski, of Asheville, took their places.

The Champs won by 485 pins, the individual scores being as follows:—

THE CHAMPS
Ernie Hearther...998
Doc Molthen...890
Dick Venezia...878
Chas Miller...814

ALLEY TEAM
H. Blount...794
J. H. Watts...786
G. Somerville...777
W. J. Balaski...738

The Champs undoubtedly bowled like a team inspired, which verifies my previous remarks about these impromptu matches where the players are not so tense and over-strung, and really relax and let themselves get down to good bowling.

CONSISTENT BOWLING

All four players for the Champs registered well over 800 each for the five games. This has only been done twice before—by the Alley Team against the Mindanao on February 19, and in the match between the Champs and the Alley Team when Venezia notched 820, Doc Molthen 860, Hearther 817, and Miller 805, to make a total of 3302.

In the match on Tuesday there were only three scores of over 200, two being registered by Hearther and one by Dick Venezia, who made 224 on his second game. Hearther's score-sheet showed for his 238: spare, three strikes, two spares, a strike, spare, finishing up with four strikes in a row; Venezia's 224 was made up as follows: starting off with five strikes in a row, two spares, a nine, two spares, with a 7 on his extra ball.

Hearther's 998 for five games is a record for the Alley Team being just under the 200 pins per game; actually it works out at 199.6 per game. Doc Molthen was second highest scorer of the match with 890 or 178 pins per game, the average for each player being Hearther 199.6, Doc Molthen 178, Dick Venezia 175.6 and Chas Miller 162.8.

Actually the average score per player per game worked out at 179 pins for the 20 games played.

Hearther's 998 was due to brilliant bowling and actually, throughout the match, he had only three misses, the rest being strikes and spares. The great deficit between the two teams would lead one to believe that the representative team from the Alley bowled badly; on the contrary they bowled fairly well and had Landolt and Fawcett played there is little doubt in my mind that it would have been a much closer finish.

Blount was top scorer for his side with 794, followed very closely by Watts with 786.

SINGLES COMPETITION

The second Singles Handicap Competition, as I forecasted, to be a great attraction; at least 40 entries are assured. All the participants in the first competition have signified their willingness to enter again, while the success of the first competition has decided many new entrants.

The date of the draw and Handicaps, with date of commencing the Second Competition will be announced through this column in my next Jottings.

ASHEVILLE WIN EASILY

At the Bowling Alleys yesterday, U.S.S. Asheville Senior team beat Asheville Champs by 504, which was the highest difference on record between any two teams.

U.S.S. ASHEVILLE

W. J. Balaski...164 162 230 147 160 863
C. G. Cunningham...166 186 157 175 159 843
M. O. Gray...144 171 146 190 166 817
J. A. Harvey...112 163 167 179 161 782

Total...3,305

ASHEVILLE CHAMPS

L. S. Pawloski...137 132 178 184 129 760
B. M. Johnson...149 167 139 148 132 735
V. V. Vining...142 140 146 128 130 686
W. E. Wood...138 132 138 116 96 620

Total...2,801



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BY far the outstanding performance in local soccer over the week-end was that of Club in beating Eastern, potential runners-up of First Division, by the odd goal in three after leading at one time by two clear goals.

Eastern have little excuse to offer for their defeat. True, they were without two players in Kong Sing-keng and Tsang Chung-wan, but Club were in brilliant form and really played well.

Hsu King-seng was again the pick of Eastern's defence but he was forced off his usual game by Pryde. Generally Hsu has plenty of space and time to open up the game and initiate the moves from which most of Eastern's goals accrue but on Sunday, he had Pryde hanging on to him all the time.

Chung Yung-sum and Hau Ching-to, the generally fast Eastern wingers, were considerably subdued by the attentions of Eardley and Skinner. The latter was not as fast as Hau Ching-to but made up for this by his positioning which prevented Hau from cutting in.

SOUTH China "A" went nearer the championship when they collected both points from Middlesex at Caroline Hill on Saturday in a strenuous game in which the soldiers enjoyed the best of the exchanges in the first half.

Saw and Thomas were the best forwards in the soldiers' team and gave the Chinese many anxious moments, but Tait as leader was not at his best.

Though Royal Scots were forced to share the points with Kwong Wah

they had most of the game and should have made the game safe in the first half when Hossack missed several chances, in the later stages of the game, however, they were fortunate in not being beaten, as Kwong Wah were playing better football.

Tse Kam-hung was the outstanding player for Kwong Wah in defence while Lee Yan-leung, was the most dangerous forward.

WITH 23 goals scored against them in Shield and League games this season by South China. Electric surprised by turning the tables and winning by the odd goal in three on Saturday.

Gardner was seen at centre-forward again and initiated most of the moves in the forward line. Ahmed and Sloan also played well.

SOUTH China won the first leg of the play-off for the second Division championship against Engineers, when they netted early in the game. Engineers did all the attacking in the second half but were unfortunate in not scoring. Fox was well watched and could not get the desired passes.

Engineers should win the next game and the shield match against the same team on Saturday.

FOOTBALL REVIEW

(By "REFEREE")

24TH Battery, R. A. must now sit on the fence and wait for Service Corps to drop a game before they can again come into the race for the Third Division title. They were beaten by two-nil by Service Corps on Sunday.

Service Corps had good forwards in Martin and Glen, while Minshall, in Battery's goal, was called upon to bring off some hard saves.

AFTER holding their monthly meetings for the past two years in the Football Association's offices, Hong Kong Referees' Association departed from this custom and held it at Hotel Cecil last Tuesday.

The meeting was not well supported in spite of the promise of an interesting talk by Mr. Stokes on "Football League."

MR. "Chico" Noronha, of Macao football Association, arrived in the Colony yesterday to complete arrangements for the forthcoming Interport game on March 24. Macao Football Association will this season be without the services of players who are playing in Hong Kong Football Association owing to a ruling of their Association.

Kong Sing-king, Eastern's full back, who is in the Customs there, will therefore not be playing, though

Lau Hing-choy, formerly of South China "A", who played in a previous Interport for Macao, will be seen in action.

He played for South China at the beginning of the season but re-signed for Macao and has not played locally since then.

THE Interport dinner in honour of Macao football team will be held at Hotel Cecil on Sunday March 24.

UNLESS Eastern lose to South China "B" in their semi-final senior shield tie to-morrow it seems that they will have to make other arrangements about their Manila trip. They were to sail on April 15 but Football Association has given them permission for the trip only on condition that all their fixtures are completed.

They meet Royal Scots on Saturday, April 20 in the last game of the season.

SERGEANT J. CAMPBELL, popular captain of Seaforth Highlanders' football team and a member of the Shanghai foreign side which played against Hong Kong recently, was seriously injured on Thursday in the French Concession when his motor cycle collided with a French Army bus. Campbell suffered a compound fracture of the left leg and in spite of a successful operation performed immediately, Campbell was last night said to be still in a fairly serious condition.

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BADMINTON NOTES

UNIVERSITY SHOULD
WIN PLAY-OFF

Return Of Yong Will Mean Three Strong Pairs

WEAKNESS IN THIRD
STRING OF Y.M.C.A.

(By "ADREM")

BIG BADMINTON result of this week, of course, was the defeat of Chinese "Y" by University "A", which makes a play-off for the senior title a virtual certainty.

GOLF
STARTING
TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Starting Times for the week-end—

TO-MORROW

Old Course

- 2.04 p.m. A. V. Greaves, J. B. Mackie.
- 2.08 " A. B. Purves, K. S. Morrison.
- 2.12 " R. B. Mace, R. M. King.
- 2.16 " R. Young, A. N. Other.
- 2.20 " R. Sanger, J. W. Mayhew.
- 2.24 " N. K. Littlejohn, A. McKellar.
- 2.28 " Capt. Giles, Lt. Cdr. Melrose.
- 2.40 " J. A. D. Morrison, D. H. Blake.

SUNDAY

Old Course

- 9.16 a.m. A. C. I. Bowker, I. M. S. Lloyd.
- 9.20 " A. H. Penn, J. R. Collis.
- 9.24 " T. E. Pearce, E. T. McMullen.
- 9.28 " D. Humphreys, G. C. Worrall.
- 9.32 " J. A. D. and K. S. Morrison.
- 9.36 " M. G. Carruthers, R. C. Garlender.
- 9.40 " A. Sommerfelt, B. D. Evans.
- 9.44 " W. W. C. Shewan, A. B. Purves.
- 9.48 " G. Thomerson, J. Linaker.
- 9.52 " J. L. G. Pearce, D. I. Bosanquet.
- 9.56 " H. F. Sommers, D. D. Forbes.
- 10.00 " A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
- 10.04 " D. Lyon, H. Piercy.
- 10.08 " A. V. Greaves, G. V. Griffiths.
- 10.12 " R. J. K. Walker, E. C. Norris.
- 10.16 " J. M. Pearson, J. W. Mayhew.
- 10.20 " A. Mabb, L. Goldman.
- 10.24 " R. P. Morris, W. J. Richards.
- 10.28 " C. C. Black, E. G. Price.
- 10.32 " H. W. Duley, E. Davidson.
- 10.36 " L. R. Andrewes, Comdr. Hole.
- 10.40 " J. Redman, M. S. Banner.
- 10.44 " J. B. Harrison, S. L. Lloyd.
- 10.48 " J. B. Mackie, F. A. Redmond.
- 10.52 " H. J. D. Lowe, H. A. Mills.
- 10.56 " P. E. Annis, W. J. Kelly.
- 11.00 " J. W. Clague, H. M. Rowland.
- 11.04 " Col. Simpson, W/Cdr. Steele Perkins.
- 11.08 " Major Mackenzie, J. C. Taylor.
- 11.12 " E. W. J. Wedlock, A. G. James.

New Course

- 9.24 a.m. Miss Cuthbertson, J. G. Jensen.
- 9.32 " Lt. Carter, Capt. Thursby.
- 10.00 " Brig. MacLeod, S. H. Dodwell.
- 10.04 " Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Piercy.
- 10.12 " Surg. Cdr. Cleave, Surg. Cdr. Nicholson.
- 10.20 " T. A. Pearce, F. D. Hunter.
- 11.12 " Mrs. Wedlock, Mrs. James.

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This match was covered fairly fully in Tuesday's issues and I do not propose to devote a great deal more space to it. A few reflections, however, may not be out of place.

It is true that University were forced all the way in securing their win, whereas most followers of badminton thought that they would win easily on their own court. It must be borne in mind, however, that University were without K. L. Yong, who must rank only second, to P. K. Hui in their team. This necessitated changes in their line-up that might have been fatal, and left them with a completely inexperienced player to make up numbers and, in consequence, a third string unable to win a single game.

Against a well-balanced team like Chinese "Y" this might have weighed the balance but fortunately for University, Hui and Chew combined like veterans and their three games proved the deciding factor.

On a neutral court, and with Yong back in the team, I feel fairly certain in my own mind that University will win any play-off that is necessary as they will have three tried combinations, all capable of winning at least two, if not three games.

LEE'S FINE DISPLAY

This line-up is likely to be: P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong (last season's doubles champions); M. S. Lee and E. S. Bun (last year's runners-up); and C. K. Lee and H. F. Chew.

Lee played so well on Monday that there is little doubt that had he been playing with Chew, his usual partner, he would have carried all before him. As it was Cheah and he should have beaten C. Au and H. Koh, and they put up an extremely good show against the hard-hitting and speedy S. C. Chung and H. M. Lau.

Chinese "Y" have two pairs who could not be improved upon a great deal, although Chung and Lau—with future successes for certain in front of them—are at the moment afflicted with the impetuosity of youth, a factor refreshing and entertaining to watch but one that will never make for success in League badminton.

Having regard to the fine record of C. Au and H. Koh, I must confess to considerable surprise at the poor standard revealed by the latter on Monday. Au did all that was possible for any one man to do, and quite exhausted himself in the process, but Au was amazingly slow and revealed a complete absence of anything approaching a smash or a drive in his repertoire of strokes.

With a stronger partner for Au, I would not care to forecast a result in a play-off but with the Chinese "Y" team as it now stands, I have little hesitation in forecasting a win for University.

ST. JOHN'S JUST
SCRAPE HOME

(By "ADREM")

In a match thus far given little publicity, St. John's scored the narrowest possible victory over Recreio "B" in Mixed Doubles Division of the Badminton League on Friday.

It was fortunate for the Cathedral team that H. Eardley and his sister Declma were in such excellent form; it was their three games which enabled St. John's to scrape through.

In none of their encounters were they extended in the slightest; not one of the opposing pairs succeeding in reaching double figures.

For Recreio, Henry Gonsalves and Miss Maggie Xavier won two games, although they were given a great struggle by David Kwok and Mrs. Wilson, but Beltrao and Miss S. Remedios, and C. C. Pereira and Mrs. Rodrigues could only manage one apiece.

Norman Smith and Mrs. Nance Strange were unimpressive as a combination, the latter being somewhat slow, and were unable to secure a single game.

St. John's still remain in the running for the championship but they are unlikely to meet with very much success against either Recreio "A" or University, between whom the title appears to lie.

LEAGUE TABLES

"A" DIVISION

	G	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Chinese "Y"	8	7	1	54	18	14	
University "A"	6	5	1	24	11	10	
Recreio	5	2	3	17	28	4	
University "B"	6	1	5	15	29	2	
Chung Wah	5	0	5	6	30	0	

"B" DIVISION

	G	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
St. John's	8	7	1	54	18	14	
King's College	8	6	2	49	23	12	
Recreio	6	5	1	32	22	10	
St. Teresa's	7	5	2	38	25	10	
St. Andrew's	8	4	4	38	33	8	
Kowloon Tong	9	2	7	30	50	4	
V.R.C.	7	1	6	14	49	2	
K.C.C.	9	1	8	23	58	2	

MIXED DOUBLES DIVISION

	G	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Recreio "A"	5	5	0	38	7	10	
St. John's	7	5	2	42	21	10	
University	3	3	0	21	6	6	
Recreio "B"	6	2	4	29	25	4	
Taikoo	5	1	4	10	35	2	
K.C.C.	6	0	6	5	49	0	

BLYTH AND
T.C. KEVAN
PLAY WELL

(By "ADREM")

Only interesting feature of the "B" Division League badminton matches played on Wednesday was the unexpectedly fine performances of two teams expected to be swamped by sides in the running for the championship.

Thanks to the fine form displayed by P. Wynter-Blyth and T. Kevan, Kowloon Cricket Club did very well to take three games from the powerful King's team, who were practically at full strength.

A. L. Fisher and J. L. Anderson also won a game and the issue might well have been carried to the vantage game had T. A. Madar and H. S. Jones been successful in their game against K. H. Lo and T. Lam, who just beat them, after "setting," by two aces.

HOME TEAM OFF FORM

At St. Teresa's, Kowloon Tong found the home team in anything but their best form and, had Ko Fook-sing been playing, an upset was not outside the bounds of possibility.

Austin Ho and Joseph Lum played well for the Saints but Peter Lo and Joseph Tsang, although winning two games, had an off night.

Only other game saw St. Andrew's beat Victoria Recreation Club for the loss of only one game.

HOCKEY

PROBABLE COLONY
TEAM ON VIEW

The following players, who have been nominated as the Colony's probable Interport hockey team, will be on view on the Navy ground this afternoon at 5.15 p.m. against Rajputana Rifles.

Goal:—V. M. Benwell (Club) and T. Lockhart (C.B.A.).

Backs:—V. C. Bond (C.B.A.) and Datta Ram (Rajputana Rifles).

Halves:—G. W. Hook (R.A.), W. A. Reed (Club), and N. B. Whitley (C.B.A.).

Forwards:—S. A. Howler (Club), Pritam Nath (Raj.), Sgt. Homburg (R.E.), Narain Singh and Partaub (Rumangs).

CHAMPIONSHIP

EASY WINS
FOR AU
AND WONG

(By "ADREM")

The mixed doubles fixture between L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro, and K. L. Yong and Miss U. Khoo in the Open Mixed Doubles badminton championship having been postponed, only two senior singles games were played last night, both of them not occupying an hour.

First game was extremely brief. In it Patrick H. Wong, former title-holder, proved far too good for C. K. Cheah and won practically as he liked, the score being 15-2, 15-6.

Other match was far more interesting although David Kwok was not in the same class as C. Au, his plucky efforts and gallant retrieving of impossible situations, made for some speedy rallies.

In the first game Kwok was unable to clear deeply enough with the result that Au was able to dictate terms. The Chinese "Y" player, whose pace and direction, delayed until the last possible moment, had his opponent on the wrong foot for most of the time, made very few mistakes and went out easily at 15-4.

CHANGE OF TACTICS

Changing over for the second game, Kwok changed his tactics and concentrated a succession of drops on his opponent's forehand, on which wing he appeared to be somewhat erratic. These methods paid and Kwok, with his opponent making several errors, drew up to 9-all. The effort had taken too much out of him, however, and he thereupon faded out of the picture.

Au, provided he can last the distance against players better equipped than Kwok, will take a lot of beating. His courtcraft is uncanny and he is the master of every stroke in the book.

Cheah, unable to deal with deep clearing shots, was easy meat for Wong, who made the University player run all over the court, while never appearing to do much running himself. Deep clearing and beautifully controlled angle drops were the features of Wong's game.

In the only junior match played, W. Gilles did well to beat J. Tsang of St. Teresa's in straight games after a protracted opening game.

SCORES

Senior

P. H. Wong beat C. K. Cheah 15-2, 15-6.
C. Au beat David Kwok 15-4, 15-9.

Junior

W. Gilles beat J. Tsang 17-16.

ONE MATCH
TO-NIGHT

The match between Recreio "A" and Kowloon Cricket Club in Mixed Doubles Division of the Badminton League has been postponed until March 22.

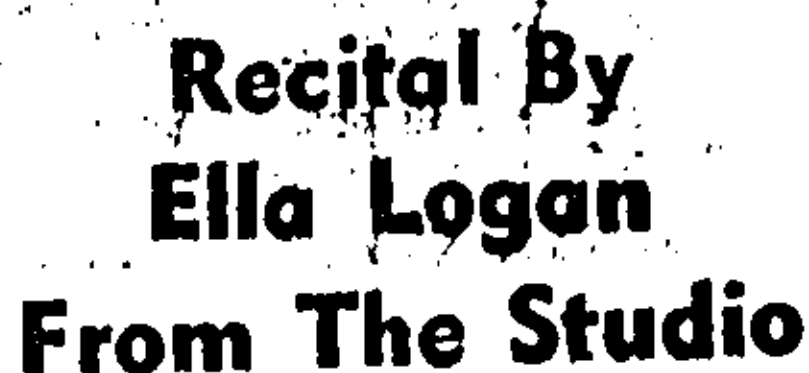
Kowloon Tong, however, will entertain King's College in a postponed "B" Division game.

HOME FOOTBALL

London, To-day.

Norwich, playing at home in a South "A" match yesterday, lost to Millwall by 3 goals to 1.—Reuter.

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2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4235.	Between Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 2980 & 4022, Stirling Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 14,000	\$160	\$7,000
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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4236.	Boundary Street between Sai Yeung Choi Street & Tung Choi Street, Mongkok.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 8,270	\$152	\$18,608
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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
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London, To-day.
The Air Minister pointed out in the Commons yesterday that all officers were now taken from the ranks and every recruit had a chance of a commission.—British Wireless.

SPORTS FOR COLONY'S POOR BOYS

On Sunday, at 1 p.m., the Boys' and Girls' Association are holding their Annual Sports on the University Ground.

At 5 o'clock, the prizes will be distributed by Sir Atholl Macgregor.

The cost of the Sports has been defrayed by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, and Sir Robert Ho Tung has kindly donated a shield for the Annual Competition between the Glubs.

The Association has in all 12 Clubs, and there will be present at the Sports 600 boys and girls, who come from the very poorest families.

The Annual Report will shortly be ready and can be obtained from either: The Bishop of Hong Kong.

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The Association is supported entirely by voluntary contributions and these are always welcomed as there is a great need for expansion. Mr. Kwok Chan, c/o Bank de L'Indo Chine, is the Treasurer.

NATHAN ROAD BURGLARS CAUGHT

FREQUENT BURGLARIES IN NATHAN ROAD IN THE VICINITY OF NO. 532 DURING THE RECENT MONTHS WERE SOLVED ON SUNDAY NIGHT WHEN MR. R. M. GUTERIEZ, AFTER A STRUGGLE, OVERPOWERED AND ARRESTED A BURGLAR ON THE ROOF OF HIS HOUSE, IT WAS DISCLOSED THIS MORNING BEFORE MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN WHEN THREE MEN WERE CHARGED WITH A SERIES OF BURGLARIES AND WITH RECEIVING.

Accused were Shum Wah, 34, and Lo Sing, 28, charged with loitering and burglaries, and Ng Kai-nam, 43, shop foki, charged with receiving.

Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston, prosecuting, said that Shum Wah was arrested by Mr. Gutierrez. At the police station, he admitted responsibility for all the burglaries, with the second accused, in that vicinity.

Second and third accused were caught on Shum Wah's information. "There were 15 burglaries in the block last month alone," concluded the Sergeant.

First accused was given four months' hard labour and recommended for banishment, while his alleged accomplices were remanded for further enquiries.

PATROL ACTIVITY

Paris, To-day.
Last night's communique reports marked activity of French and German patrols on the eastern flank of the Vosges.—Reuter.

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Stockholm, To-day.

Interruption of the telephone service abroad, coupled with many reports of important developments in Finland, give rise to wide speculation as to the possibilities of an armistice. The known facts are: firstly, Finland's aged former President Svin Hufvud, has arrived in Stockholm; secondly, M. Passikivi arrived in Stockholm a few days ago; thirdly, discussions concerning the possibility of achieving peace have undoubtedly been going on for some days though Swedish officials have not confirmed that Sweden is acting as "broker" in the negotiations.

Original belief was that the Finns, to save further loss of life, might give the Russians virtually all they asked for before the war with the possible exception of Hangoe.

This offer, if made, was apparently insufficient. To-day the Russian terms are reported to include some or all of the following concessions:—Firstly, the cession of Petsamo with the nickel mines and fishery rights; secondly, demolition of all coastal batteries by the Finns; thirdly, the cession of Viborg and possibly the whole of the Finnish shores of Lake Ladoga, including Sortavala. In return, it is reported the Russians might be prepared to relinquish the claim to Hangoe. Swedish circles deny that any pressure is being applied to the Finnish Government to accept these terms either from the Swedish or the German side.—Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

Official explanation of the decision to cut off telephone calls for the Press is that a non-British journalist sent an inaccurate report yesterday.—Reuter.

Macao, To-day.

Communications between Shek-ki and Macao are disrupted. Messages received this morning state that the Japanese forces have reached the outskirts of Shek-ki where sharp fighting is in progress.

The Chinese are entrenched outside the town. — Our Own Correspondent.

Helsinki, To-day.

A feeling of consternation has been the unofficial reaction among the Finns to the reported peace terms said to have been offered Finland through the intermediary Sweden.

Surprise is also expressed that Sweden could be persuaded to accept the role of intermediary on such alleged terms which have reached Finland from Stockholm in the form of New York press reports.

The Government have issued a statement which added that details of these demands hitherto are lacking. There is much discussion in diplomatic circles of the reports.

It is pointed out that on the one hand the Finnish Government takes note of Sweden's mediation and on the other has immediately given. It to be understood that Finnish public opinion would not comprehend that negotiations should be based on such demands.

Public opinion regards the lack of success of the Russians' efforts over months of war as very far from justifying concessions incompatible with the country's independence. — Reuter.

New York, To-day.

It is denied that the "Queen Elizabeth" carried guns on her Atlantic crossing. No submarines were sighted.

The captain has confirmed that the liner is fitted with the new Gauss device for nullifying magnetic mines. The crew for the voyage numbered 378.—Reuter.

Moscow, To-day.

A communique claims the capture of Nautsi, 95 miles south of Petsamo, and four islands in the northern part of Lake Ladoga. Fifteen planes, it adds, have been brought down.—Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.

The official news agency denies reports that Nazi press chief Dietrich went to Scandinavia. It is stated he is in Berlin.—Reuter.

Santiago, To-day.

Four hundred miners have been buried by a fall in the Schawager coal mine at Port Coronel. — Reuter.

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